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Subject: UNSUBS, Fire and Vandalism at Unification Church Camp, Ulster County, New York Interference with Exercise of Housing Rights CIVIL RIGHTS

Date: JAN 9 1981

To: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

From: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
[redacted] Acting
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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On December 30, 1980, officials with the Unification Church met with Dan Rinzel and [redacted] of this Division's Criminal Section regarding the recent (December 28) fire which destroyed the main building at the Unification Church in Ulster County, New York. Those officials alleged that the fire was the culmination of a series of incidents which began in July 1980 and included acts of vandalism, beatings and gunshots fired onto church property. In one incident, a banner was left at the church camp indicating that the Ku Klux Klan was involved in this harassment.

I have enclosed copies of the following documents provided by Unification Church officials relating to those incidents:

a) A letter dated December 30, 1980 from [redacted] which enclosed various incident reports, photographs and newspaper articles.

b) A preliminary report of the Camp New Hope Hall fire dated December 28, 1980 prepared by [redacted]

c) A December 30, 1980 newspaper article from the Ulster County Times Herald Record regarding the fire.

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d) An incident report detailing harassment during the July-August period.

e) A xerox copy of a photograph of the KKK banner.

f) An incident report regarding an alleged attack on two non-Unification Church ministers who were visiting the camp on August 10.

The allegations of these Unification Church officials, if true, could constitute violations of 18 U.S.C. § 241 and 42 U.S.C. § 3631. Therefore, please conduct the following limited investigation:

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1. Contact both local and state law enforcement agencies regarding their investigation of the fire and other incidents. Obtain copies of any investigative reports prepared or obtained by those agencies. If charges have been brought, monitor the subsequent proceedings.

2. Contact the Ulster County Fire Marshall and obtain copies of any reports prepared regarding the December 28, 1980 fire.

3. Interview [redacted] of [redacted] Maryland (exact addresses unknown) regarding the August 10, 1980 incident in which they were allegedly attacked after leaving the church camp. b6 b7C

4. Interview [redacted] and obtain names of antagonists listed in incident reports supplied by her, copies of which are attached. Determine names and addresses of all witnesses to these incidents. Interview these witnesses.

5. Interview any subjects who may be identified as a result of your investigation.

The Unification Church

UNITED STATES HEADQUARTERS

December 30, 1980

Daniel F. Rinzel
Chief, Criminal Section
Civil Rights Division
U.S. Justice Department
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Rinzel,

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I appreciated meeting with you and your assistant, [redacted] to discuss our grave concerns about the recent fire which destroyed the main building at the Unification Church camp in Ulster County, New York. Since there is strong suspicion of malicious arson, we felt it was necessary for three of us to fly to Washington today to personally meet with you.

I was reasssured when you clearly stated that the law is not subject to different interpretation when a "controversial" group is involved. I was also very relieved to hear you reaffirm your absolute commitment, both as an individual and as the Chief Officer of a section of the Justice Department, to the rightful enforcement of the law.

As per your request I have enclosed a packet of literature outlining some background information about the situation at the camp. It includes:

. a photograph of the building which had the fire on Sunday morning, December 28; (to be sent as soon as developed)

. copies of the articles in local newspapers reporting the fire;

. a summary from the caretaker of the camp who discovered the fire;

. correspondence sent to the Justice Department in August of this year when another building at the same camp was also burned down;

. an incident report from July and August of this year outlining all the acts of malicious violence against the camp culminating with the fire; (more details to be sent)

. a photograph of the KKK banner left at the camp which is now in the possession of the New York State Police;

. a copy of all the articles which covered the fire and other incidents of violence in August at the camp;

. a photograph of the building which was burned down in August;

. a copy of the photograph and article about [redacted] carrying rifle;

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. a press release about two non-Unification Church ministers who had their van stoned by antagonists when they visited Unification Church;

. a series of statements from religious leaders and civil rights leaders throughout the United States protesting these acts of violence;

. information about mail theft from the camp and the very lenient sentencing for this Federal crime;

. information about [redacted] b6 b7C

Please let me know if I can provide any more information for you. I am grateful for your promise of an investigation and would appreciate being kept informed of its progress.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted] Public Affairs

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cc: [redacted] Esq.

The Unification Church

UNITED STATES HEADQUARTERS

Dec. 30, 1980

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF CAMP NEW HOPE DINING HALL FIRE

Sunday, Dec. 28, 1980 b6 b7C

[redacted] Camp New Hope

At 12:30am I entered the caretakers cabin. Before I could go to sleep the watchdog began barking. As I looked out the window I could see an eerie glow and smoke in the darkness outside.

Running to the dining hall complex (consisting of three buildings attached to each other) I discovered a fire blazing in the north end of the kitchen section nearest the road. Desperate to call the fire department I ran to the porch where the phone was located, but discovered smoke already pouring out.

The closest neighbor's house (a self-avowed enemy of our church) was dark and locked up. I dashed to the pay phone that was nearest to the scene which was still at least 100 yards away. For some reason it turned out to be inoperable. At this point I was frantic because a quick phone call might have at least saved the dining hall and two-story lodge.

The first call was made by passersby in a pickup truck, but it was already taking too long. In a relatively short period of time the dining room roof began to cave in. At this same time our neighbors just happened along in time to be spectators claiming that they had been playing cards in the area.

The firemen arrived only to confront a roaring blaze that was already out of control. They battled the blaze throughout the night, and although they could not save the three section complex, their valiant efforts did save the surrounding buildings.

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CONTACT: [redacted] PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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INCIDENT REPORT FROM BEGINNING OF JULY 1980 TO AUGUST 8, 1980
CAMP NEW HOPE
METTACHAHONTS ROAD, ACCORD, NEW YORK

July 1980 Several tires found slashed on many vans.

July 10, 1980 Left front wheel of one van was found to have all the lug nuts loosened to the end. Wheel almost fell off when driving; fortunately no accident occured.

July 9, 1980 Burnt cross was tossed onto our property near the field and woods across from barn area.

July 12, 1980. Skull and snake image was put on road near camp.

Beginning of July Neighbor put a sign on his property "We are 'not' Moonies". Sign has been sitting there since and was freshly painted in August.

July 1980 Neighbor had continuously played his stereo loud late at night even until two or three in the morning.

July-Aug. Neighbors sitting near by have constantly harassed us over the past few months through verbal insults.

July 19, 1980 Neighbor seen for the first time with a shotgun.

July 20, 1980 Car passed by house. First time threw out fire crackers. Second pass gun shots were fired sounding like 22 calibre rifle. Upon investigation, second story window of infirmary shot out and also the lamp outside of the welcome station. Sheriff was notified and police arrived at the scene. Sheriff ignored our call and told the police to forget it. Finally in the morning an investigation was made by State Police. We called and reported it in the morning.

July 21, 1980 A young man entered the property from the road. He went by the infirmirary toward the bunkhouse and then we lost track of him. Later he was seen by the vans and when we spotted him, he ran away.

July 21, 1980 Neighbor threatened to shoot members with a shotgun. Three neighbors joined in verbal assault.

July 23 Vehicles began driving right onto our property .

July 24 Car drove by with a colt AR 15 rifle seen. Also neighbor seen on porch with rifle.

July 25 Our vans began being followed when leaving property.

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INCIDENT REPORT FROM BEGINNING OF JULY 1980 to AUGUST 8, 1980

July 28	Spotted car near kitchen and gunshots fired again. Reported. Sheriff arrived and we reported that neighbors had threatened to shoot members if seen alone.
July 29	Police came by in answer to a complaint from someone that we were shining a flashlight on their property. Our gate keeper was arrested on charges of assault and found not guilty.
July 28	Neighbors tried to start a fight with our gatekeeper.
July 28	While surveying our property, the surveyors were constantly harassed.
July 30	Vehicle drove by kitchen and threw rock in kitchen window. No one hurt. Police notified.
July 31, 1980	Vehicle drove onto our property and tried to hit people down. Caught the driver. No charges were pressed.
August 1	Tried to go to our pump house. Previous permission to use access road was granted in June. But now neighbors stopped us and three councilmembers supported them claiming we are not allowed to enter. There is no other access to our pumphouse.
August 2	Trucks from neighbors houses turned toward our property with all lights turned on in the middle of the night.
August 2	Two neighbors trespassed on our property attempted to assault one of our church members. One of our church members were pushed and charges were pressed
August 4	Rocks were thrown at our property and antagonists promised a "bloodbath".
August 4	Vehicle drove onto our property and crashed into fence on our front porch. Pictures were taken.
August 5	People seen tearing down our damn which has been done consistently all summer. They admitted it.
August 3	Three times antagonist tried to drive one of our members off the road by driving straight toward him and keeping the bright lights on. Flood lights also used and driving in left lane.
August 6	Five of our canoes reported stolen to both the police and the sheriff. No investigation made that we know of.

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INCIDENT REPORT FROM JULY 1980 TO AUGUST 8, 1980

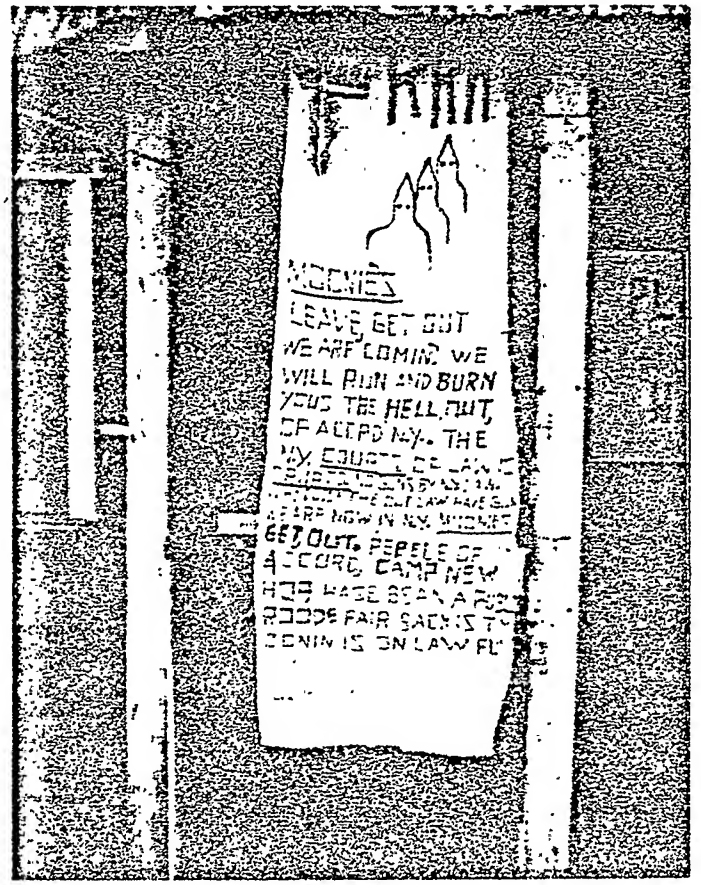
August 6 — 38 cailiber bullet pulled out of the wall of our social hall.

August 8, — Fire spotted at white house up the road. Upon arrival, suspects seen driving away. Voice shouted out, "We got one; we'll get the rest."

Wherever it says a neighbor or an antagonist we actually have names, descriptions, addresses, and phone numbers.

Wherever it says a vehicle we have vehicle descriptions, license plate numbers.

Original account (handwritten) also available. Incidents more extensive. Several per day of the same type, so not all listed to avoid repetition. Especially the occurance of gunshots more than several times daily.



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August 11, 1980 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: NADINE HACK
DIRECTOR, PUBLIC AFFAIRS
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TWO NON UNIFICATION CHURCH MINISTERS WHO WERE VISITING A UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP WERE ATTACKED BY ANTI-UNIFICATION CHURCH ANTAGONISTS ON SUNDAY NIGHT AUGUST 10.

While leaving the Unification Church camp in Ulster County, New York, after a weekend visit, two ministers had their van stoned. This act of violence was very possibly committed by the same people who burned down a two story building at the same camp two days earlier, Friday, August, 8.

Church leaders allege this is all part of a well-planned anti-religious hate movement directed against members of the Unification Church and other minority groups.

Reverend Dr. Jacoba Quinn of Wheaton Maryland says:

"We were attending the Unification Church camp this weekend and had a lovely two days. When we were leaving the property on Sunday night four men jumped out on the road; one in front, one on each side, and one in the rear. They began throwing rocks at the van from all directions.

I'm a believer in prayer and I prayed for protection, but these people were mad; they tried to kill us. They were hollering, "We're going to kill you".

It was planned terrorism. This is a disgrace for the United States when this happens to you for teaching the Word of God. I have known the members of the Unification Church for four years now. Personally I can say how good these young people are. They are teaching morality and decency. I have never said much before, but now I am willing to go out all the way."

Reverend Lance Antos, also of Wheaton, Maryland says:

"This was a premeditated assault. We were ready to come home and these men just jumped out of the darkne and assaulted the van with rocks, blasphemies, and and physical demonstration that they were going to harm us. We were in a no man's land for a few minutes. One rock ricocheted off the back window. It was a frightening sound.

We had had a tremendous weekend. We met Dr. Mose Durst, President of the Unification Church. It was a full and rich weekend. My opinion of the camp is 'a workable idealism'. It was beautiful.

I think that the Lord's work is being done there. I think it is an evil force that hates it. It's just a hate thing. One man walked up to the gate after we had driven back onto the property for safety and shouted, 'If you get out of the car, we're going to kill you'."

The Unification Church is calling for a full conspiracy probe by the United States Department of Justice. Civil rights and religious leaders in New York, Atlanta, California, Washington D.C., and Maryland will be joining in protest tomorrow making appeals to their constituency and to their elected officials.

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'Moonies' want FBI probe of camp fire

By PETER C. KUTSCHERA
Ulster Bureau Chief

KERHONKSON — The Unification Church is renewing its call for an FBI probe of civil rights violations at Camp New Hope near Kerhonkson in the wake of a fire early Sunday that destroyed the retreat's main building.

Matthew Morrison, a church director in New York City, estimated the loss at between $70,000 and $100,000. But, at least part of the building and its contents were insured, "and we expect to continue to operate the camp" he said.

"We feel the fire was definitely arson-related," he said. "It was a direct outgrowth, in our view, of the hate meetings which were condoned and sanctioned by the Town of Rochester board this past summer. The people were roused at those meetings to the point of violence and this is what has resulted," Morrison said.

Meanwhile, the Ulster Sheriff's Department, aided by state police, was continuing an investigation of the fire that swept through the wood frame main building shortly after midnight Saturday. The fire badly damaged the main camp dining room, two kitchens, a gymnasium and offices.

"It was the most important building on the campgrounds and whoever did it knew that," Morrison said.

Lt. Michael LaPaglia, chief of detectives for the sheriff's department, said there is a "suspicion of arson. There is a very active investigation in progress and a number of persons familiar with the camp's operation, neighbors and whatever are being interviewed" he said.

The church originally sought an FBI probe last August, when a fire of undetermined origin swept through a two-story, vacant wood-frame house about 100 yards south of the main building off Mettacahonts Road. That fire was called "definitely suspicious" by LaPaglia.

At the time, Mose Durst, the president of the Unification Church of America, called for an FBI probe of the possibility that Ku Klux Klan operatives may have set fire to the building.

Nadine Heck, a church spokesman in Manhattan, said "Moonie" officials would seek a meeting with FBI officials later this week. She said the Civil Rights Division of the FBI "has apparently been quietly looking into the earler allegations all along." FBI officials in Washington and New York could not be reached for comment Monday.

"There is no way that fire could have started on its own," Morrison said. He said the only occupant of the camp, caretaker Caleb Thomson, passed by the main building about 12:15 a.m. Sunday after he left a bungalow used as a prayer room.

"He went right past there and nothing was wrong," Thomson said. "Then, 15 minutes later, he heard a dog frantically barking, looked outside, and the place was rolling in flames."

"I attribute it to the totally irresponsible meetings that were conducted this past summer by the Town Board," Morrison said. "What they did was unforgivable."

The meetings were conducted in July to hear public comment on what could be done to oust the Moonies from the 60-acre camp property they purchased the month before. When the sessions became too large to hold at the small Town Hall at Accord, they were moved to the main gymnasium at Rondout Valley Central School.

But town officials immediately scoffed at Morrison's claims.

"At this point I don't think anybody knows what caused the blaze," said Rochester Supervisor Vincent Dunn.

"We operate in this town under the democratic process, under the proviso that everyone has rights," Dunn said. "That's a two-way street. I did my utmost at the time to control the passion of the crowd."

He added that "supposition is one thing, and proof is another."

LaPaglia said that fire investigators Monday used a geiger counter-like device known as a "sniffer" to determine if any hydro-carbon accelerants, such as gasoline, were used to start the fire. Specimens of debris were collected and forwarded to the state police laboratory in Albany for examination.

"We expect some kind of definite word on this in about two weeks or so," LaPaglia said.

Late Sunday, the Unification Church issued a written statement deploring the New Hope fire.

"We are religious people and seek only to live our lives in faith," the statement read.

"We are non-violent and law abiding citizens and will never return violence for violence," it said.

Record photo by Mike Carey

Det. Robert McCrindle, with notebook, and Deputy William Slover, both of the Ulster County Sheriff's Department, and Caleb Thomson, the caretaker of Camp New Hope near Kerhonkson, walk amid the rubble of the camp's main building Monday. Arson is suspected in the blaze.

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Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter, along with its enclosures, dated January 9, 1981.

Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of Section 177, Manual of Investigative Operations and Guidelines, and surep within 21 workdays of the receipt of this communication.

State in the first paragraph of the details of your report that it contains the results of a limited investigation and underscore the word limited.

Advise all persons interviewed an appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the U. S. Department of Justice.

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Date 1/23/81

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Albany (177B-32) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
FIRE AND VANDALISM AT UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK;
DIH - INTERFERENCE
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: Albany)

Re FBIHQ airtel to New York dated 1/15/81 and New Rochelle airtel to Albany dated 1/22/81.

Enclosed for Baltimore and New York are two copies of the following documents:

1. FBIHQ airtel to New York dated 1/15/81.

2. Department of Justice letter to Director, FBI dated 1/9/81, with enclosures.

Baltimore and New York are requested to conduct the investigation as set forth on page 2 of the Departmental letter.

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AT WHEATON, MARYLAND

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Conduct investigation as requested in items 3 and 5.

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Interview [redacted] telephone [redacted] as requested in item 4. If applicable, conduct investigation in item 5.

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TO: ALBANY

FROM: SAC, NEW ROCHELLE

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
FIRE AND VANDALISM AT UNIFICATION
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NEW YORK;
DIH-INTERFERENCE
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO:AL)

Attached for Albany is a self explanatory airtel with enclosures from the Bureau. For the Bureau's information Ulster County is covered by the Albany Division.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

AIRTEL

DATE: 2/10/81

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : ADIC, NEW YORK (177B-389) (P) (M-13)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Fire and Vandalism at Unification Church Camp, Ulster County, New York;
DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING-INTERFERENCE CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO:AL)

ReALairtel to Bureau, dated 1/23/81 (no copy to Detroit, New Rochelle MRA, Philadelphia or WFO).

Enclosed for FBIHQ are the original and three copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination to the United States Department of Justice.

Enclosed for Albany are four copies of the aforementioned LHM.

Enclosed for all other recipients are one copy each of aforementioned LHM and one copy of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 1/9/81.

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As advised in Bureau airtel, dated 1/15/81 recipient offices should state in the first paragraph of the details of report that report contains the results of a limited investigation.

Advise all persons interviewed and appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the United States Department of Justice.

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For the information of Albany, witness [redacted] in incident of 8/2/80, 7:00 pm is [redacted] who is presently at the Unification Church Camp in Ulster Count, New York. b6 b7C

For the information of WFO, listed witness, [redacted] is allegedly knowledgeable concerning an incident which took place on 8/10/80, which involved the stoning of a van which was occupied by himself and two ministers of the Unification Church as the van was leaving the Unification Church Camp in Ulster County, New York.

Recipients are requested to conduct appropriate investigation regarding individuals within their respective territory as set forth in enclosed Departmental letter, dated 1/9/81.

Investigation continuing at New York.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
February 10, 1981

Unknown Subjects;
Fire and Vandalism at Unification Church Camp,
Ulster County, New York
Discrimination in Housing-Interference Civil Rights

This letterhead memorandum contains the results of a limited investigation.

On January 30, 1981, [redacted] Unification Church of America, [redacted] New York, New York, telephone [redacted] provided the following information regarding the fire and vandalism at the Unification Church Camp in Ulster County, New York:

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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The Unification Church

UNITED STATES HEADQUARTERS

January 30, 1981

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[redacted]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
26 Federal Plaza
New York, New York

Dear [redacted]

This is to confirm our meeting of yesterday in which you conducted a preliminary interview with me and requested that I prepare a document with as much of the factual infomation about suspects, witnesses, and incidents which are related to the Camp New Hope arson investigation.

I have enclosed a copy of this document for you and sent copies to the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division of the United States Justice Department and also copies to our attorney.

As I mentioned there is a more recent incident report which has been kept at the Camp and as soon as it is delivered to me I will type the report and have this sent to you. Please let me know how I can help you in any further way. I will be expecting to hear from you to schedule a more extensive interview, as you communicated to me yesterday.

Sincerely,

[redacted]
Public Affairs

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cc: Dan Rinzel
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SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS
JULY AND AUGUST 1980
CAMP NEW HOPE/UNIFICATION CHURCH
ACCORD, NEW YORK

The security team at Camp New Hope during July and August was: [redacted] b6 b7C
Where no specific name is listed as witness, it is always one of these three who reported it. Phone numbers and addresses of all witnesses listed on one attached page.

DATE: July 1980 (entire month)
INCIDENT: Several tires found slashed on many vans.
WITNESSES: [redacted]
send, and [redacted]
SUSPECT: [redacted]

DATE: July 10, 1980
INCIDENT: Left front wheel of red and white van from Philidelphia was found to have all the lug nuts loosened to the end. Possible for wheel to fall off. No incident occurred but was possible.
WITNESSES: Security team
SUSPECT: Unknown

DATE: July 9, 1980
INCIDENT: Burnt cross was tossed onto our property near the field and woods across from barn area. It was not a big cross but soaked in kerosene.
WITNESSES: [redacted]
SUSPECT: Unknown

DATE: July 12, 1980
INCIDENT: Skull and snake image was put on road near [redacted] house. Knocked it over.
WITNESSES: [redacted]
SUSPECT: Unknown

DATE: July 19, 1980, 3:30 a.m.
INCIDENT: [redacted] was seen at this time with a shotgun in his hands. No incident.
WITNESSES: [redacted]
SUSPECT:

DATE: July 20, 1980, 2:45 a.m.
INCIDENT: Spotted auto pass by house with firecrackers. On second pass (from kitchen to barn). Apparently gun shots were fired which sounded like a .22 caliber rifle. The auto made a third pass(from barn to kitchen) , then finally one more pass (from kitchen to barn). Upon investigation it appears they shot out second story window of infirmary, lamp out side of welcome station, windows of several cabins, and windows of yellow pick-up. [redacted] said it was a dark auto, maybe a Falcon or a Maverick. Sheriff was notified and police arrived at scene. [redacted] reached the sheriff first. I became hostile since the sheriff ignored our call and told the police to forget it. They did not seemed concerned. Finally in the morning an investigation was made by State Police. We called and reported incident in the morning.
WITNESSES: [redacted]
SUSPECT: Unknown

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DATE: July 20, 1980
INCIDENT: [redacted] Pennsylvania jeep, blue was causing trouble from [redacted] Camp. Cursing, drinking, throwing fire crackers.
WITNESSES: Security team
SUSPECT: Unknown

DATE: July 21, 1980
INCIDENT: Heard noise and shone light to investigate. [redacted] cursed at members. Threatened to shoot members with shotgun. [redacted] also made threats. A third person joined them on porch and continued verbal abuse.
WITNESSES: [redacted]
SUSPECT: [redacted]

DATE: July 22, 1980
INCIDENT: Blue Falcon [redacted] spotted many times at same time as regular occurance of gunshots began.
WITNESSES: Security team
SUSPECT: Unknown

DATE: July 23, 1980
INCIDENT: Green Chevy, early 70's, drove into our open field. Made deep tire tracks on our lawn, then quickly drove away. Unable to get license.
WITNESSES: [redacted]
SUSPECT: Unknown

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DATE: July 24, 1980
INCIDENT: Gunshot heard in the vicinity of [redacted] house.
WITNESSES: Security team
SUSPECT: Unknown

DATE: July 24, 1980
INCIDENT: [redacted] in auto, license [redacted] with Colt A02-15 rifle seen in [redacted] porch until 2:00 a.m. with rifle. [redacted] also had rifle.
WITNESSES: Security team
SUSPECT: [redacted]

DATE: July 28, 1980 4:41 a.m.
INCIDENT: Spotted car near kitchen. Sounded like a gunshot. When Sheriff came, it was reported that [redacted] threatened to shoot members if they see them alone.
WITNESSES: Security team
SUSPECT: [redacted]

DATE: July 28, 1980 11:30 p.m.
INCIDENT: Gunshots heard in the vicinity of [redacted]
WITNESSES: Security team
SUSPECT: Unknown

DATE: July 28, 1980 2:30 a.m.
INCIDENT: Shots heard from behind Ukranium Camp.
WITNESSES: Security team
SUSPECT: Unknown

DATE: July 31, 1980
INCIDENT: Scout N.Y. [redacted] drove on property behind our property. Drove around our property almost hit people. Caught driver. Named [redacted] of Accord. No charges were pressed.
WITNESSES: [redacted]
SUSPECT: [redacted] and with him was [redacted] or his brother.

DATE: July 30, 1980 3:00 a.m.
INCIDENT: Saw green Chevy go by. Threw a rock through the kitchen window. [redacted] was in the kitchen. No one hurt. Police notified. Investigated. No action.
WITNESSES: [redacted]
SUSPECT:

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DATE: August 2, 1980 2:50 a.m.
INCIDENT: Guard was confronted by two people from the Ukranium camp in a yellow Duster, license [redacted] attempted to assault guard. They clearly trespassed on our property.
WITNESSES: Security team
SUSPECT: [redacted]

DATE: August 2, 1980 7:00 p.m.
INCIDENT: [redacted] came by our property and harassed [redacted] Asked to stop. Finally, he came onto our property and [redacted] asked him to leave. [redacted] walked up to him and [redacted] pushed [redacted] Charges were filed.
WITNESSES: [redacted]
SUSPECT:

DATE: August 4, 1980 Evening time
INCIDENT: [redacted] and family began to harass us after they called the police. Police told them not to harass us. They also began to throw rocks. [redacted] promised a "blood-bath". Sheriff disbursed people. Later got out of car and pulled up post.
WITNESSES: Security team
SUSPECT: [redacted]

DATE: August 4, 1980 Evening time
INCIDENT: Dark blue Chevy backed off [redacted] property and crashed fence in front of porch. A picture was taken of the incident.
WITNESSES: Security team
SUSPECT: Unknown

DATE: August 5, 1980
INCIDENT: [redacted] people named [redacted] met down

the river. These People keep tearing down our dam. They even admitted it. Action being considered.
WITNESSES: Security team
SUSPECT: [redacted] (car license [redacted]

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DATE: August 3, 1980
INCIDENT: [redacted] charged [redacted] of attempted murder. Three times [redacted] tried to force our car off the road using (1) bright flood lights to blind the driver and (2) driving in left lane.
WITNESSES: [redacted]
SUSPECT: [redacted]

DATE: August 8, 1980 12:30 a.m.
INCIDENT: [redacted] spotted fire at white house up the road. Upon arrival at fire [redacted] and [redacted] spotted [redacted] pulling away from scene. No absolute evidence but they are key suspects.
WITNESSES: [redacted]
SUSPECT: [redacted]

DATE: August 8, 1980
INCIDENT: 38 caliber bullet pulled out of the wall of social hall. It appears that bullet was recent in origin.
WITNESSES: Security team
SUSPECT: Unknown

VEHICLES SEEN AROUND TIMES OF GUNSHOTS AND/OR FIRE
CAMP NEW HOPE/UNIFICATION CHURCH
ACCORD, NEW YORK

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[redacted] - Blue Chevy Pick-up

[redacted] Maroon Grand Prix Pontiac

[redacted] Commercial plates - Blue Ford Pick-up (This belongs [redacted]

[redacted] - Commercial plates - Blue Pick-Up (This belongs to [redacted]

[redacted] Commercial Chevy "luv" pick-up turquoise.

[redacted] St. Regis Dodge - Yellow New. NY plates

[redacted] Ambassador 360 - white with black top. [redacted]

[redacted] commercial - Yellow Datsun with white top.

[redacted] Pennsylvania blue jeep

[redacted]

[redacted] lime Cougar

[redacted] blue Falcon

[redacted]

silver Citation (driven by parents of a guest)

NY Scout (driven by [redacted]

black Maverick

yellow Duster

Vehicles involved in incidents, but unable to get license number

dark auto, maybe Falcon or Maverick (car from which kitchen windows were shot out)

green Chevy-early '70's (drove onto our field making deep tire treads on our lawn and later threw rock at kitchen window)

VEHICLES (Cont.)

Black Dodge Dart (people trespassing on 8/3/80)

Dark blue Chevy (backed into our fence from [redacted] property)

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SUSPECTS
CAMP NEW HOPE/UNIFICATION CHURCH
ACCORD, NEW YORK

[redacted] (father)
[redacted] (son)

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[redacted]
[redacted] New York 12404
[redacted]

-the [redacted] have been the most constant source of antagonism.
-often walking along the property with rifles.
-mounted signs on their property from the time Unification Church moved into Camp New Hope, "We are not the Moonies".
-threatened to shoot our members with his rifle.

[redacted]

[redacted] New York

-often seen with [redacted]

[redacted]

moved-address unknown, no longer in area

-friend of [redacted] several times threatened members, and harassed members with verbal abuse.

[redacted]

[redacted] New York

-driver of car that trespassed on our property on July 31, 1980
-driving with [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] /Parents: [redacted] New York
Phone: [redacted] /Parents: [redacted]

-arrested and convicted of trespassing on Unification Church property and mail theft.
-he disappeared from the area of Accord immediately after the fire in December
-threw a rock through Unification Church's kitchen window on July 30, 1980.

SUSPECTS (Cont.)

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Recently moved, but must still be in area.
Parents: [redacted] N.Y.

-friend to [redacted]
-several times harassed members verbally
-tried to force two members off the road in their car by using bright lights to blind the driver and by driving in the left lane.
-seen leaving the scene of the fire at the white house on August 8, 1980 with [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted], New York

-[redacted] first person on the scene.
(not necessarily suspect, but may have valuable information)

[redacted]

-address unknown but [redacted] is owner of Car with license number [redacted]

-kept tearing down dam on our property.

[redacted]
[redacted] New York

-local [redacted] who has caused problems at Camp New Hope.

[redacted]
[redacted] New York

-threatened "to burn us out"

young man in pick-up, red

-state police have information on him, was seen at the December fire.

tall young man with reddish Maverick

-called in fire
(state police supposedly researched)

WITNESSES
CAMP NEW HOPE/UNIFICATION CHURCH
ACCORD, NEW YORK

[redacted] (currently)

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[redacted]

contact persons to reach them:

[redacted]

[redacted]

at camp (currently)

[redacted]

in other places

[redacted]

[redacted] Pa. 19104

[redacted]

[redacted]

Washington, D.C. 20011

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] Michigan 48017

[redacted]

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS INVOLVED
CAMP NEW HOPE/UNIFICATION CHURCH
ACCORD, NEW YORK

New York State Police
General number...(914) 647-5410
P.O. Box 28
Ellenville, N.Y. 12472

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Detective... [redacted]

Investigator [redacted]..involved in almost all cases
Investigator [redacted]..works closely with [redacted]
Trooper [redacted]..sent to stop heckling kids in VW van [redacted]
Detective [redacted]..involved in the [redacted] case (trespassing and mail theft)
Detective [redacted]..apprehended [redacted] on stolen mail
Patrolman [redacted] rides with Detective [redacted] usually
Detective [redacted]..August arson and now in charge of investigation for December arson
Detective [redacted]..works with Detective [redacted]

Ulster County Sherriff's Department
(914) 338-3640
Golden Hill
Kingston, N.Y.

Sherrif Mayone...aware of all cases
Officer [redacted] and [redacted]..involved with broken window case.
Officer [redacted]..involved with trespass charges against [redacted]
[redacted]..involved with fence smashing incident
Detective [redacted]..on fire case
Deputy Sherrif [redacted]
Father [redacted] arson investigator
[redacted]...in charge of arson division
[redacted].works with McCrindle
[redacted].in charge of Detective Division

Our Attorney
[redacted] Esq.
President, New York Civil Liberties Union
363 7th Ave.
New York, N.Y.
[redacted]

A review of the New York State Department of Motor Vehicle Records reflect the following information as to the description of the vehicle and owners thereof with regard to the license plate numbers as supplied by [redacted] b6 b7C

License Plate Number	[redacted]
Description of Vehicle	1972 Chevrolet Pick Up
Color	Black
Owner	[redacted]
Date of Birth (DOB)	
Sex	
Address	[redacted] New York

License Plate Number	[redacted]
Description of Vehicle	1974 Ford Pick Up
Color	Blue
Owner	[redacted]
DOB	
Sex	
Address	[redacted] New York

License Plate Number	[redacted]
Description of Vehicle	1978 Chevrolet Pick Up
Color	Blue
Owner	[redacted]
DOB	
Sex	
Address	[redacted] New York

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License Plate Number
Description of Vehicle 1976 Chevrolet Pick Up
Color Blue
Owner
DOB
Sex
Address
New York

License Plate Number
Description of Vehicle 1971 American, sedan
Color White
Owner
DOB
Sex
Address
New York

License Plate Number
Description of Vehicle 1976 Datsun pick up
Color
Owner
DOB
Sex
Address
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License Plate Number
Description of Vehicle 1979 Subaru Suburban
Color
Owner
DOB
Sex
Address
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License Plate Number [redacted]
Description of Vehicle 1974 Mercury two door sedan
Color Green
Owner [redacted]
DOB
Sex
Address [redacted] New York

License Plate Number [redacted]
Description of Vehicle 1964 Ford four door sedan
Color Blue
Owner [redacted]
DOB
Sex
Address [redacted] New York

License Plate Number [redacted]
Description of Vehicle 1978 Audi four door sedan
Color Grey
Owner [redacted]
DOB
Sex
Address [redacted] New York

License Plate Number [redacted]
Description of Vehicle 1973 Jeep Suburban
Color Blue/white
Owner [redacted]
DOB
Sex
Address [redacted] New York

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License Plate Number [redacted]
Description of Vehicle 1972 Ford two door sedan
Color Brown
Owner
DOB
Sex
Address [redacted]
[redacted] New York

License Plate Number [redacted]
Description of Vehicle 1969 American Four door sedan
Color Blue
Owner
DOB
Sex
Address [redacted]
[redacted] New York

License Plate Number [redacted]
Description of Vehicle Not noted
Owner
DOB
Sex
Address [redacted]
[redacted] New York

A review of the New York and Pennsylvania State Department of Motor Vehicle Records revealed no information identifiable with either license plate number [redacted]

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ALBANY	ALBANY	2/23/81	1/23 - 2/20/81

TITLE OF CASE

UNSUBS; FIRE & VANDALISM AT
(1) UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP,
ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] TYPED BY: njd b6 b7C

CHARACTER OF CASE

DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING -
INTERFERENCE CIVIL RIGHTS

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REFERENCE:

Albany airtel to the Bureau, 1/23/81;
New York airtel to the Bureau, 2/10/81.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Primary legal advisor, Albany Division, has advised that requirements concerning the provisions of the Privacy Act do not apply to violations of 18, United States Code 241, and 42 United States Code, 3631, in that they are criminal in nature as set out in MIOG, Section 177-8 and Section 190-7.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	PRETRIAL DIVERSION	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐YES ☐NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐YES ☐NO

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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: ALBANY
Date: 2/23/81

Field Office File #: 177B-32 Bureau File #:

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; FIRE AND VANDALISM AT UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

Character: DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING - INTERFERENCE CIVIL RIGHTS b3

Synopsis: [redacted]

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DETAILS:

This report contains the results of a limited investigation.

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UNSUBS; FIRE AND VANDALISM AT UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK; DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING - INTERFERENCE CIVIL RIGHTS, OO: AL.

RE ALBANY TELCALL TO THE BUREAU DATED MARCH 9, 1981, ALBANY REPORT TO THE BUREAU DATED FEBRUARY 23, 1981.

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DATE: FEB 20 1981

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (177B-389) (P) (M-13)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
Fire and Vandalism
At Unification Church Camp,
Ulster County, New York;
DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING-INTERFERENCE
CIVIL RIGHTS
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ReNYairtel and LHM to the Director, dated 2/10/81.

Enclosed for FBIHQ are the original and three copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination to the United States Department of Justice.

Enclosed for Albany are four copies of the aforementioned LHM.

Any additional investigation required regarding the enclosed LHM is being left to the discretion of Office of Origin.

Investigation continuing at New York.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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New York, New York

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Unknown Subjects;
Fire And Vandalism
At Unification Church Camp,
Ulster County, New York;
Discrimination in Housing-Interference
Civil Rights

This letterhead memorandum contains the results of a limited investigation.

On February 17, 1981, [redacted] to the President, Unification Chruch of America, 4 West 43rd Street, New York, New York, telephone [redacted] provided the following information regarding an incident which took place at the Unification Church Camp in Ulster County, New York, on February 12, 1981:

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ENCLOSURE

The Unification Church

UNITED STATES HEADQUARTERS

February 13, 1981

[redacted]
Criminal Section
Civil Rights Division
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

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Dear [redacted]

This is to confirm your telephone conversation with [redacted] today in which he informed you of last night's incident at the Unification Church Camp New Hope in Accord, New York.

[redacted] came on our property with a rifle, verbally threatened one resident of the camp who was in our pick-up truck, pulled the CB Antenna off the truck, pointed the rifle at his head, pulled the door open, grabbed the CB and threw the microphone on the ground. At this point another resident of the camp walked up and [redacted] pointed the rifle at him, told him to get down on the ground, hit him in the side, and knocked him flat on his back threatening to shoot and kill him. Then he ordered him to get up and then [redacted] shot the rifle directly over this man's head.

[redacted] was arrested by the New York State Police and charged with wreckless endangerment, trespassing, criminal mischief, and harassment. He is currently in jail with $10,000 bail for his release.

As you requested, [redacted] immediately called [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in New York City, who is handling the investigation for Camp New Hope, to inform him of this incident also.

Sincerely,

[redacted]
[redacted] Public Affairs

NH:rc

cc: Daniel F. Rinzel
[redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
NEW YORK	ALBANY	2/26/81	2/20/81

TITLE OF CASE	Report Made By	Typed By
UNSUBS; FIRE AND VANDALISM AT UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK	SA [redacted]	[redacted] b6 b7C
	CHARACTER OF CASE DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING- INTERFERENCE CIVIL RIGHTS	

REFERENCE

NYairtel and LHM to the Bu, dated 2/20/81.
NYairtel and LHM to the Bu, dated 2/10/81 (copy to Philadephia).
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ENCLOSURES

Enclosed for Albany are the original FD-302's re interviews of [redacted] Also enclosed are the original signed statements of [redacted]

ADMINISTRATIVE

As noted within the interview of [redacted] the yellow Duster observed on August 2, 1980, at Camp New Hope bore license plate number [redacted] from either the state of Michigan or Minnesota. In view of the foregoing, the NYO is not interviewing [redacted] New York.

As noted within the interview of [redacted] was erroneously listed by her as a witness within her letter of 1/30/81. In view of the foregoing, the NYO will not interview [redacted]

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED [] NONE						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	PRETRIAL DIVERSION	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		Pending over 1 year [] yes [] no Pending pros. over 6 mos. [] yes [] no

APPROVED [redacted] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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AT [redacted] NEW YORK. Will interview [redacted] at Camp New Hope for his knowledge of the December fire. b6 b7C

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AT [redacted], PENNSYLVANIA. Will interview witness [redacted] telephone [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York
Date: 2/26/81

Field Office File #: 177B-389 Bureau File #:

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
FIRE AND VANDALISM
AT UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP
ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

Character: DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING-INTERFERENCE CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Interview of witnesses, [redacted] set forth. Interview of [redacted] Unification Church of America, set forth.

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DETAILS:

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[redacted] residing at [redacted] New York, was advised of the identity of [redacted] who identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He was advised he was being interviewed as a witness to an alleged civil rights violation involving the fire and vandalism at the Unification Church Camp, Ulster County, New York. He was advised that any information he furnished could be used in a court of law. [redacted] furnished the following signed statement:

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February 20, 1981

"[redacted] residing [redacted] New York, 10001, [redacted] make this free, and voluntary statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce this statement and I am aware this statement may be used on a court of law.

"In the month of July several tires were reported slashed. As one of the major members of the security team, most of the incidents were reported to me I went to help one van (a 2 tone green or blue 2 tone van) that belong to the Unification Church. It was clear that someone pushed a knife into the tire. [redacted] was there with me when we examined the tire. The tire was changed on Highway 17 between 209 and 87 near Middletown, NY.

"It was reported on or about July 10, 1980 that all the lug nuts on the left front wheel of a van belonging to the Phila Unification Church. The incident was reported by [redacted] Suspect was unknown.

"On or about July 9 a cross maybe 3 foot long and 2 foot wide soaked in kerosene & rags was found near our property. Since I was new to the security routine I wound up throwing the cross away; however, I did undeniably see the cross soaked in kerosene.

Interviewed on 2/20/81 at New York, New York File # NY 177B-389

By SA [redacted]/nad Date Dictated 2/20/81

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"On or about July 12, 1980 I saw the skull in front of [redacted] house on our property. It was actually a skull and a snake wrapped on a stand made of small branches from a tree. I saw [redacted] knock it over. b6 b7C

"On or about July 19 it was noticed that [redacted] had a shotgun in his hand. I saw the rifle in his hand on him. It was late at night maybe 2-3 AM. As the person responsible for security. Many incidences were reported to me of threats by [redacted] At this time, [redacted] never threatened me personally, however he did threatened me later.

"On or about July 20, 1980, early in the morning, maybe 2-3 AM a very dark sub-compact came by throwing fire crackers out there car. On the second pass. There were sounds that were distinctly different than fire crackers. There was a third pass and it was clear it was something other than fire crackers because I heard the sound of a rifle be cocked. On the final pass I was approaching what we call "The Welcome Station. The actually backed into our driveway and clearly took rifle shots at the yellow Datsun pick up and the light just outside the "Welcome Station". After that the car drove off. There were at least 3 people in the auto. Upon investigation of the front of the camp it was clear that the second story window of the infirmary was shot out, because it was clear on one pass that they stopped on the main road in front of the infirmary. I called the police immediately and when the sheriff came [redacted] a neighbor got to the sheriff first. I tried to explain to the officer that it was us who was shot at. I felt that the sheriff deputy wasn't responsivle and I told him to "forget it". He then came over and I told him the story. He investigated. The next day the sheriffs department came out and also the State Police were notified.

"On or about July 20, 1980 [redacted] Pa Jeep group of young adults were cursing, drinking, throwing fire crackers and disturbing the camp. No serious threat just a general nuisance.

"On or about July 23, 1980 a gree Chevy drove onto our property and caused havoc and tore up our field. This car was spotted in other acts of threats and vandelism. For example rocks thrown on the side of the building., Verbal threats etc. Unable to identify driver or license.

"July 24, 1980 gunshots heard in the vicinity of the [redacted] no incident just recorded.

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"On our about July 24, 1980, an Audi-Fox Silver seen in front of [redacted] house with AR-15 rifle. Also [redacted] had shotgun. No personal threats were made. I took a picture of [redacted] loading a clip into the rifle during the day. I also saw him with a hand gun. Member of the church periodically reported incidents of threats.

"During the next week or so gunshots were heard periodically at night from several different directions.

"On about July 31, 1980 late at night (before midnight) Scout drove into the back of the property drove onto the property causing a general nuisance. No serious incident. Names were reported to the Police because they were caught tresspassing.

"On or about July 30, 1980 about 3:00 AM a rock was thrown threw our kitchen window. No one was hurt this was done by the same green Chevrolet that damaged our field. Reported to the police.

"On or about Aug 2 at about 2-3 AM two people from the Ukranium Camp and [redacted] came on to our property and threatened one of my people, [redacted] They clearly tresspassed on our property. It was a Duster Mich or Minn License# [redacted]

[redacted] had an incident over [redacted] coming on our property. Charges were pressed but later dropped.

"On or about Aug 4 evening continuous harrassment came from the [redacted] (for now). They harrassed as us threw rocks and other general nuicense. Yelling occurred between guests, members & the [redacted] house. Police notified.

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"Same night dark blue Chevy type car backed into our fence and broke it. Picture was taken by [redacted]

"On or about Aug 8, 980 at approximately 12-12:30 AM [redacted] came out to the Welcome Station and saw a fire coming from the white house on our property just off the main camp. Immediately [redacted] and myself were the first two people on the seen black smoke was coming up out of the middle of the house just beyond the front door. Almost immediately upon ariving at the scene of the fire with the yellow Datsun pick up [redacted] came out of it appeared to be the woods to offer help. Soon other people fire department, other church members, neighbors began to arrive. Sheriff and State Police both notified.

"There are many more instantances too numerous to mention. There were incidences that I personally experienced

a. abuse of elderly woman and handicapped black lady living with the [redacted]

b. Blasting a stereo with speakers aimed at our camp all hours of the day and night from the [redacted]

c. Walking up and down the road with rifles. Especially 1) [redacted]

d. Personal threats to shoot me from the same and also to burn the camp.

e. Overheard this same type incident on CB radio.

f. Other incidences that can be mention if necessary.

"This is generally what happened as I saw it over the summer during the months of June thru Sept 1980. There are many more things to share. There is a black coposition notebook which all these (or at least most of) these incidents are recorded.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this page and 6 other pages, have initialed each page and each correction therein and this statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge."

"/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

"Witness: [redacted], SA, FBI, NYO, 2/20/81"

[redacted] was observed to be a white, male, approximately [redacted] years old, who exhibited no physical or mental impairments which would prevent his recalling the details of the incidences.

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Date of transcription
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[redacted] residing at [redacted] New York, was advised of the identity of [redacted] who identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He was advised he was being interviewed as a witness to an alleged civil rights violation involving the fire and vandalism at the Unification Church Camp, Ulster County, New York. He was advised that any information he furnished could be used in a court of law. [redacted] furnished the following signed statement: b6 b7C

2/20/81

"I, [redacted] residing at [redacted] NY, 10011, 242-6729, make this free and voluntary statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce this statement, and, I am aware of this statement may be used in a court of law.

"On July 10, 1980, I was the driver of a red and white van to transport 13 people from Camp New Hope to New York City. Halfway between camp and the city, the left front tire began making a strange noise but although I stopped the vehicle to inspect it as to the source of the sound, I didn't discover it at that time.

"Driving carefully, using consideration for the unknown problem to the city, the sound worsened until I was forced to stop again, near the NYC limits, where I discovered upon looking underneath the hubcap that every single lug nut had been unscrewed all the way except for the last 2 turns holding them on, obviously intended to make the tire come off while the vehicle was in motion, thus causing bodily harm to the passengers as well as damaging the vehicle.

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By SA [redacted]ad Date Dictated 2/20/81

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"This held true to the spirit in which tires were slashed, not simply puncturing them so that the vehicle was left sitting w/flat tires in its place, but cutting them cunningly on the inside of the tire so that the slash mark wasn't visible from a casual viewer's standpoint, as well as the fact that the tires were only cut approximately 1/2 to 2/3 of the way through, also with the express intention of making the tire blow out while the vehicle was in motion. b6 b7C

"I helped one person whose tire had done exactly that, when I observed the nature of the sabotage, and, when inspecting vehicles not yet having left the camp grounds discovered several slashes.

"In reference to an incident on or about July 20, 1980, I was just arriving in camp approximately 2:30-3:00 AM and heard what I interpreted as gunshots coming from an auto driving slowly past the camp. Others present thought that it might be firecrackers, but when the car had completely passed the camp, it stopped, turned, and began another slow pass of the camp firing as it went. We heard the empty cartridges hit the road, at which point. It became apparent that it was indeed gunfire.

"The car made 2 or three more passes of the camp, firing, hitting a few windows, lights, etc, as it went, then left. Police finally came, and we, with them, searched for, found and counted about thirty (30) empty cartridges. I believe they were .22 caliber.

"The automobile seemed to be a dark blue, perhaps a sub-compact, and there may have been two persons in the vehicle.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this page and three other pages, have initialled each page each correction contained herein, and this statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge".

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witness: [redacted] SA, FBI, NYO, 2/20/81"

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[redacted] was observed to be a white, male, approximately [redacted] years old, who exhibited no physical or mental impairments which would prevent his recalling the details of the incident.

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[redacted] residing at 4 West [redacted] New York, was advised of the identity of [redacted] who identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He was advised he was being interviewed as a witness to an alleged civil rights violation involving the fire and vandalism at the Unification Church Camp, Ulster County, New York.

[redacted] Camp New Hope for the Unification Church during May and June of 1980. He advised that during the summer of 1980 he was the [redacted] Camp New Hope. He advised that the only threat he was aware of was in regard to one [redacted] who resides in the house directly across the street from Camp New Hope. He advised that one day during the summer of 1980 he heard [redacted] state "If I see one person on my property I'll blow their head off".

He advised that during the summer of 1980 he had occasion to observe a cross which was tossed near the side of the porch of the house which was later to be burned down on August 8, 1980. He advised that he also observed on another occasion a skull and cross bones near the aforementioned house.

He advised that there is currently an upheaval in the town politics of [redacted] New York in which the town's people are trying to rezone the area currently occupied by Camp New Hope in an effort to remove the Unification Church from that area, but could offer no specific details.

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[redacted] residing at 4 West 43rd Street, New York, New York, was advised of the identity of [redacted] who identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He was advised he was being interviewed as a witness to an alleged civil rights violation involving the fire and vandalism at the Unification Church Camp, Ulster County, New York.

[redacted] advised that during July, 1981, Mr. First Name Unknown (FNU) [redacted] Camp New Hope, was yelling obscenities at members of the Church Camp. [redacted] advised that some of [redacted] friends took him from the middle of the road, where he was standing, back onto his [redacted] property. [redacted] advised that after [redacted] returned to his property he threatened to shoot members of the Unification Church, although he [redacted] observed no firearms in [redacted] possession. [redacted] advised that on one occasion he did observe [redacted] on his porch with a shotgun in his hand.

[redacted] could offer no more specific details or information regarding the above incidence.

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[redacted] residing at [redacted] b6 b7C New York, was advised of the identity of [redacted] who identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). [redacted] was advised he was being interviewed as a witness to an alleged civil rights violation involving the fire and vandalism at the Unification Church Camp, Ulster County, New York.

[redacted] advised that on one occasion during the summer of 1980 while at the Unification Church Camp in Ulster County, New York, he heard the sound of a car traveling on the road in front of the camp. [redacted] advised that while the car was passing in front of the camp he heard sounds which seemed to be the sound of firecrackers coming from the car. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was with him at the time and told him to get down and hide as it was gun shots coming from the car. [redacted] advised that the next morning he observed a hole in the windshield of the yellow pick up which was parked near the house and also observed a hole in the lamp which was hanging on the outside of the welcoming station at the camp.

[redacted] could offer no more specific details or information regarding the aforementioned incident.

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[redacted], residing at [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] New York, was advised of the identity of [redacted] who identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He was advised he was being interviewed as a witness to an alleged civil rights violation involving the fire and vandalism at the Unification Church Camp, Ulster County, New York. He was advised that any information he furnished could be used in a court of law. [redacted] furnished the following signed statement.

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"I, [redacted] residing at [redacted] NY, 10036, make this free, voluntary statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Secial Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to be to induce this statement and I am aware this statement may be used in a court of law.

"On August 3, 1980, at approx 2:00 AM, while driving southbound on Mettacahouts road, accompanied by [redacted] (last name unknown) and 2 other church members from Georgia, my van was nearly forced off the road on three separate occasions, by a pickup with both white overhead revolving lights and a spotlight on the drivers side. First, the pickup came at our van with the spotlight directed into my face and driving in the left lane. I was forced to pull right and slow down. The truck then turned around and accelerated to alongside our van, again flashing the spotlight into my face and forcing our van to the right. The pickup then sped up, turned around, and again, driving towards us in the left lane, and blinding me with the spotlight, forced me to pull my right wheels in to the ditch to avoid collision. The pickup then disappeared. Although, quite frightened, no one in my vehicle was hurt. I did feel, however, that there was a definite attempt to cause us harm.

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"I was not able to positively identify the driver nor tell the number of occupants. From the description of the vehicle, the state patrol identified the vehicle to belonging to a [redacted] a local resident. The next day I did file a report with the state police but no charges or arrests were made. b6 b7C

"I have read the above statement consisting of this page and one other page, have initialed each page and corrections contained therein, and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge".

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witness: [redacted] SA, FBI, NYO, 2/20/81"

[redacted] was observed to be a white, male, [redacted] years old, who exhibited no physical or mental impairments which would prevent his recalling the details of the incident.

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"I, [redacted] residing at [redacted] telephone number [redacted] make this free and voluntary statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce this statement and I am aware this statement may be used in a court of law.

"In July of 1980 I saw several of our vehicles with slashes our gouges on the tires.

"Also during July I saw [redacted] carrying a rifle in front of the [redacted] home.

"On July 31, 1980 at night a Scout [redacted] drove onto the property by the road down at the lake and the drove recklessly around the property. Myself and one other person got in one of our vehicles and blocked their exit until the State Police arrived.

"On August 8, 1980 early in the morning around 1 or 2 a.m. I was awakened to the sound of [redacted] voice shouting that a building had been set on fire. I ran outside and jumped in the Datsun Truck with [redacted] We drove down to the fire, but already it was completed out of control. Immediately upon our arrival [redacted] arrived on the scene.

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"In the early part of the summer there was an attempted kidnaping by deprogramers from Germany. When it appeared that it was going to fail many people from the neighborhood lined the road and many threats were made toward us including burning the camp.

"One Sunday evening in the middle of the summer an old beat up truck drove onto our property and knocked down several fence posts on the front of our property. This truck had "official Moonie Hunter" written on the side of it.

"Throughout the summer, especially in July and August [redacted] and their friends were constantly walking back and forth in front of our property. Many times they were tyring to remain hidden. One time I saw two men crouching in the shadows along our fence. When they saw that I saw them they went away. Another time one man who was frequently at the [redacted] came on the property a few feet and was verbally abusing me. b6 b7C

"Also one night someone drove by the camp shooting at the camp. The next morning I showed a officer investigating if bullet holes in the welcome station and showed him two outside lights on another building that were apparently shot out. Also a Datsn Pickup truck had the back window shot out and had a bullet hole in the front window.

"One day [redacted] was riding his bike along our property and began to harass [redacted] who was working on putting a fence along the front of the property. He came onto the property and he and [redacted] got into a small scuffle. A little later the police came and [redacted] friends came out and began shouting at us. At this time they treatened to burn the camp down.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this page and 2 other pages. I have initialed each page, each correction contained therin and this statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge."

"/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

"Witness: [redacted] SA, FBI, NYO, 2/20/81"

[redacted] was observed to be a white, male, approximately [redacted] years old, who exhibited no physical or mental impairments which would prevent his recalling the details of the incident.

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[redacted] Unification Church of America, [redacted] New York, advised that with regard to her letter dated January 30, 1981, she inadvertently listed [redacted] as a witness to the vandalism which took place at the Unification Church Camp in Ulster County, New York. [redacted] advised that in fact [redacted] did not witness any of the reported vandalism.

[redacted] advised that with regard to witness [redacted] he is currently residing at [redacted] located on [redacted] Pennsylvania, telephone [redacted]

[redacted] provided the following eight page document prepared by [redacted] regarding the actions of the town's people in [redacted] New York from May 23, 1980 to February 6, 1981.

The eight page document prepared by [redacted] and letter from [redacted] dated February 20, 1981, is attached and made a part hereto:

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The Unification Church

UNITED STATES HEADQUARTERS

February 20, 1981

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[redacted]
Criminal Section
Civil Rights Division
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear [redacted]

I have enclosed a copy of the most recent and updated incident report from Camp New Hope in Accord, New York, prepared by [redacted] Today I submitted this report to [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, when he was here to interview several of the witnesses to the acts of violence and arson being investigated.

Please keep this with your file and I will continue to keep you informed.

Sincerely,

[redacted]
[redacted] Public Affairs

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cc: Daniel F. Rinzel
[redacted]

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May 23, 1980	Agreement for sale of Camp New Hope (Weelock) signed between HSA-UWC and the [redacted] b6 b7C
May 24 - 25	Clean-up and work crew arrives.
May 26	Temporary Residence permit applied for from New York State Public Health Department.
June 1	NYS Public Health Department Temporary Residence permit issued for one year.
June 13	People arrive for June 14-15 weekend seminar.
June 17	Middletown Record story announces purchase and use of the property.
June 19	Unification church announces the property will stay on the property tax rolls. Some local government officials welcome news and pledge tolerance.
July 1	Kingston Freeman front-page story announces "Moon group wants more Accord land" exploiting small statement in an interview. Council-members "correct" statements on the church.
July 1	Tires found slashed on vehicles on the property by participants and work crew.
July 1	Neighbor puts up "We are 'not' moonies" sign on his property.
July 2	TV special aired in the Kingston area.
July 2	Freeman front page reports that Accord Residents call for Nazi, KKK "help".
July 3	Purchase of Traficanti home announced in newspapers.
July 3	Rochester Town Board regular meeting at the Town Hall. Over-flowing crowd and many angry attacks. Many Town Council members wait until crowd speaks to reveal their opinions. Meeting is continued at High School auditorium, July 10.
July 4	Freeman ad placed twice advertising Rev. Randall Bosch's Sunday sermon "The Moonies are Coming! The Moonies are coming!".
July 6	Freeman front-page "Town Driven to put curbs on Moonies".
July 6	Local resident in a newspaper article raises liklihood of KKK action.
July 8	Freeman front-page story on a Camp New Hope seminar participant interviewed while taking a walk along Mellacahonts Road.
July 8	Local Planning Board meeting. Unification Church and Camp New Hope discussed at length with two Town Board members present. Numerous conclusions were drawn (as shown in the minutes). Continued on next page.

July 8, 1980

1. No difference is made between day or sleep over, child or adult.
2. If they (Unification Church) remain a camp, they need no permit to operate.
3. It was stated that the camp can have up to 5,000 people at a gathering without a permit.

The Town Legal Advisor was present.

July 9

Freeman front-page story covering Town Board members positions, largely separating themselves from previous more "agreeable" statements.

July 9

Small partly burned cross with some kerosene smell found near the field and woods across from the barn area.

July 9

"Certificate of Occupancy" issued by [redacted] Town of Rochester Multiple Residence Inspector, after inspection and conference with [redacted] Rochester Zoning Inspector. b6 b7C

July 10

Town Board meeting at local high school auditorium. Board breaks its own 5-minute speaking limit and town law residency requirement to let racist speaker incite a near-riot. Church representative's reply interrupted until church members and their guests escorted out by the Sheriff's Department. Purcell committee formed.

July 10

Left front wheel of a van from Philadelphia had all lug nuts almost removed. Dangerous sabotage but no accident.

July 12

Skull and snake image was placed on road near camp by the [redacted] home.

July 14

Open House at Camp New Hope for interested people and the media.

July 16

Citizen's meeting at Accord Fire Station, Opponents ("ringers" see Freeman) from other areas of New York (New Castle) appear.

July 19

Neighbor, [redacted] was seen at this time with a shotgun in his hands.

July 20

(See media coverage) Outdoor lights, car windows and windshield, buildings, residence window shot up by .22 caliber rifle fire.

July 20

Cusing, drinking, throwing fire crackers from [redacted] Pennsylvania jeep from Ukrainian camp.

July 21

Clifford Harteluis files appeal with the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals opposing Church use of the camp.

July 21

Noise heard and investigated with flashlight only to have [redacted] threaten to shoot members with a shotgun. Verbal abuse continued.

July 23

Letters-to-the-Editor in Ellenville Journal full of articles against and replies by the Church.

July 23, 1980 — Chairman Purcell explains the Town of Rochester Advisory Committee's formation and purpose in letter to the Journal. "The committee has been charged by the (Town) Board to gather facts on the presence of the Unification Church's "Camp New Hope" in the Town and report its findings and recommendations..."

July 23 — Green chevy drove into our open field, cutting tire tracks on the lawn, then quickly drove away.

July 24 — [redacted] seen in car with AR-15 semi-automatic rifle and on [redacted] front porch at night. b6 b7C

July 27 — Record "expose" of experience by seminar participant believed to be a "plant".

July 28 — Car spotted by kitchen and gunshot heard. Reported to Sheriff that [redacted] had threatened to shoot members if seen alone.

July 28 — More shots heard around Camp.

July 30 — Ellenville Journal discloses Advisory Committees' recommendation to hire legal counsel.

July 30 — Rock or bottle thrown through kitchen window.

July 31 — Freeman front-page picture and story "Rifle-toting Vigilante patrols Moonie's border" contains incredible accusations.

July 31 — Special Rochester Town Board meeting where Advisory Committee disbands. "All information we received will be compiled and turned over to the Town Clerk's office". Strongly challenged by Church representatives.

July 31 — Scout [redacted] driven by [redacted] drove on property almost hitting people. Caught but not prosecuted.

August 2 — Record letter-to-the-Editor from the Communist Party specifying their organization was not present at a crowd scene July 20 at Camp New Hope!

August 2 — Trucks parked at neighbor's house turned towards our property with lights turned on at night.

August 2 — Two neighbors in Duster [redacted] attempted to assault a church member after definitely trespassing. Pushing resulted and charges were filed.

August 3 — Church member charges [redacted] of trying to run him off the road three times using a flood light to blind the driver and driving in the wrong lane.

August 4 — [redacted] despite presence of the police, harass, throw rocks and threaten a "blood-bath". Sheriff disbursed people.

August 4 — Blue Chevy backed off [redacted] property, crashed into our fence, and drove off quickly.

Aug. 6, 1980 — Five canoes reported stolen from Camp New Hope.

August 6 — Freeman front-page headline and story where Ulster County Sheriff Mayone announces that reports have indicated the KKK is "coming to get Moonies".

August 6 — Freeman publishes letter-to-the-Editor that charges Unification Church fundraisers are actually "slaves".

August 6 — Town of Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting. In executive session, board interviews Attorney Clifton.

August 7 — Notice of Town Board hearing on possible resolutions "freezing" all zoning and subdivision projects for six months.

August 8 — Front-page stories on first arson at Camp New Hope. Bystanders at the fire shouted "We got one, we'll get the rest".

August 8 — Recent .38 caliber bullet pulled out of wall of Durst Hall (social hall).

August 8 — Freeman front-page "$15,000 estimated cost for lawyer to oppose the church".

August 10 — President Durst of the Unification Church calls for a U.S. Justice Department probe of events and the fire.

August 19 — Freeman front-page story where Kenneth Phillips Jr., owner of Lake Minnewaska, hints "cults could buy Minnewaska" if current plans fall through.

August 19 — Freeman front-page story about local resident Harley Williams arrested for mail tampering, trespassing and possessing stolen property.

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September 2 — Rochester Zoning Inspector Robert Muise resigns in a letter to the Rochester Town Board.

September 4 — Town Advisory Committee writes Town Board urging immediate successor for the Zoning Inspector and surprise inspections of Camp New Hope.

September 9 — [redacted] his wife, two others arrested by State Police for kidnapping and other felonies after a complaint by [redacted] a member of the Unification Church working with CARP (College Assoc. for the Research of Principles).

September 10 — In Freeman article, Zoning Board of Appeals lawyer John Clifton predicts appeals hearing on July 21. Harteluis appeal should begin in mid-October.

September 10 — Small bomb blast destroys part of the fence at Camp New Hope as vehicle drives away.

September 10 — Rev. Randall Bosch speaks opposing the Unification Church at a meeting arranged by Rev. Robert Van Voorst at the local Rochester Church.

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Sept. 20, 1980 — Confrontation incident at [redacted] property in Accord. Conflicting assault, menancing and trespass charges exchanged in the meeting between church members and the deprogrammers.

September 23 — Freeman article describes how Rochester now decides to retrace the steps of July, postponing or dropping the July 21 Harteluis appeal that is described as "amorphous because we didn't know what was appealled.... We agreed to go back and start all over again". Unfortunately, Hartelius does not withdraw his appeal.

September 29 — Unification Church letter to the Town of Rochester telling of plans for an up-to ten person caretaking crew for the winter months.

September 29 — KKK banner found at Camp New Hope property.

October 2,3 — Rochester Multiple Residence Inspector [redacted] came "for the ZBA" seeking site plan information.

October 5 — New Zoning Inspector [redacted] and his wife visit Camp New Hope. Materials about Camp operation and willingness to answer questions pointed out. Zoning Inspector was pressed to show parts of the Zoning Ordinance that restricted year-round use.

October 8 — Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. Discussion with respect to lawyer's jurisdiction and help, pressure against Zoning Inspector [redacted] performance noted.

October 12 — Seminars cease at Camp New Hope before the October 15 deadline, moving to another location for the winter.

October 16 — Rochester Multiple Residence Inspector [redacted] returns seeking site plan information for various other boards. Discussion followed and [redacted] pressed for "imminent peril".

October 14 — Rochester Planning Board passes 3 new buildings for Camp RavTov increasing the population 15%. Regarding crowding of children in a small area, a local engineer named Sherman stressed that they were regimented and that you don't want them to move around. "If you keep them busy all day, they won't get into trouble".

October 17 — Rochester Zoning Inspector Deyo's letter about Camp New Hope (see copy).

October 22 — Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. After a question from the audience, the Board concludes there has been "no official word" whether Mr. Deyo had made any decision on Camp New Hope.

November 3 — Letter from Legal Advisor James Barry to the town of Rochester explaining Mr. Deyo's October 17 decision concludes "In light of the increasing complexity in this matter I would suggest to all parties that some thought be given to a reasonable set of restrictions isolating the objectionable activities and providing for some acceptable resolution before this matter gets entirely out of hand".

Nov. 6, 1980 Rochester Town Board meeting
a) November 3 Barry letter hastily passed on to "appropriate boards" after being called out of their jurisdiction.
b) Audience suggestion of making a concrete list of objections ignored.
c) Anthony Tramo Sr. disrupts meeting in shouting match accusing Zoning Inspector Deyo and Supervisor Dunn. Meeting quickly closed.

November 7 Church surveying crew hears [redacted] loudly say " we are practicing to burn out the Moonies" while burning leaves. b6 b7C

November 7 Freeman article describes opponents saying. Deyo's October 17 decision as being "confusing".

November 10 Clifford Hartelius files his second appeal against Deyo's October 17th ruling, basically arguing Camp New Hope are not "religious buildings' but a "camp" requiring a special use permit.

November 11 Rochester Planning Board meeting. Joe Piazza's motion passed that the Planning Board take "no action" on the Hartelius #1 (July 21) appeal received for an advisory opinion from the zoning Board of Appeals and that the Planning Board will leave the matter to the ZBA for adjudication. Mr. Hartelius complains that the Zoning Inspector has not fined Camp New Hope. His question was discussed and Legal Advisor Jim Barry offered his opinion. The minutes read: "Mr. Barry questioned whether or not any resident has been made to pay a fine to date, and cautioned against any change in prior practices of the rules, until they are changed by statute".

November 12 Leon and Donna Greenhill appeal the October 17 Zoning decision to the ZBA seeking a reversal of that decision making Camp New Hope a "camp" requiring a use permit.

November 12 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting where Hartelius and Greenhill announce their appeals of the Deyo decision. The appeals were forwarded to the Planning Board for their advisory opinion. Hartelius claimed the site plan was stayed due to the Zoning appeals. Mr. Hartelius again complained that Camp New Hope was not fined. Mr. Deyo asked the ZBA if he should issue fines right away and they said no. Caleb Thompson asked Hartelius if the matter was discussed last night at the Planning Board and if the Attorney Barry had responded.

November 14 Robert Keagle files another appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals seeking to have Camp New Hope declared a camp or an "institutional use" needing a special use permit.

November 20 Discussion with Zoning Inspector Deyo by Caleb Thompson at the Town Hall. Mr. Deyo reveals his thinking and concerns (see memo)

November 21 Town Advisory Committee to Rochester calling for a fine on the Camp New Hope violations.

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Nov. 21, 1980 — Zoning Inspector Deyo letter to Norman Sheer and the Unification Church disputing the Church's position on the Traficanti home.

December 1 — Zoning Inspector Deyo's letter to the Town Board claiming the Traficanti home needs a special use permit or it will be fined by December 10. Also disputes complaints of the Advisory Committee, Mr. Trammo Sr. and Mr. Hartelius about his performance in office.

December 4 — Norman Sheer letter to Zoning Inspector Deyo reaffirming Church position that there is no violation in current use of home and that a site plan can qualify it as a religious building.

December 9 — Rochester Planning Board Meeting where Caleb Thompson directly and repeatedly asked when the Camp New Hope site plan hearing will take place. Definitely fixes date application is received by the Planning Board. A January 13, 1981- lawyers meeting with the Planning Board is arranged.

December 10 — Planning Board letter to lawyers about Jan 13, 1981 meeting.

December 10 — Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals meeting where the Advisory Committee wrote a letter that was read urging the requirement of an E.I.S. for Camp New Hope. Miss Greenhill asked if the ZBA had received a special use permit from the Church for the Traficanti home. See minutes.

December 14 — Church member [redacted] while gassing a truck at the Arco Station in [redacted] was threatened with being beaten up because he was a moonie and secondly because he was Black.

December 15 — Camp New Hope letter from Caleb to the Secretary of the Zoning Board of Appeals requesting a copy of the letter read at the December 10 meeting under the quthority of the Freedom of Information Act.

December 19 — Attorney Rosedale's letter to Planning Board hoping for a delay of the January 13 meeting.

December 23 — Attorney [redacted] letter to Attorney [redacted] supplying letter sought by Camp New Hope, suggesting the request for information must go through him rather than the ZBA!

December 24 — Norman Sheer letter to the Planning Board objecting to any delay and assuring his attendance at the January 13 meeting.

December 28 — Main structure (dining hall-kitchen-storage-office) destroyed by early morning arson blaze.

Jan. 6, 1981 — HSA-UWC letter to James Barry and the Town of Rochester stipulating use of the Traficanti house as a single-family residence where 5 or less non-related people can live.

January 6 — Advisory Committee to Town Supervisor Dunn opposing violence while citing alleged incidents against residents this summer.

Jan. 8, 1981 — Town of Rochester Organizational Meeting where Legal Advisor Barry, Multiple Residence Inspector Salfi, and Zoning Inspector Deyo were appointed for one month only, not a year, because of possible implications of the Zoning Ordinance Revision.

January 8 — Church member run off the highway by 2 men in pickup.

January 8 — Zoning Inspector Deyo letter to Town Board attached to the stipulation that solves any problem regarding the Traficanti home. b6 b7C

January 13 — Planning Board Meeting with lawyers (see minutes) concluding that site plan is stayed by zoning appeals to the ZBA.

January 15 — Work session with Town Board, zoning Ordinance Revision committee, and townspeople. Excellent quotations from opponents and townspeople regarding limitations of Town of Rochester zoning.

January 17 — Local Resident [redacted] seen walking or patrolling the area threateningly with a Winchester 30-30 type rifle. Driving around without lights.

January 18 — Car cruising with lights and starting and stopping on Mettacahonts Road found out to be [redacted] Confrontation erupted with [redacted] where accusations were thrown out.

January 26 — Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals meeting where it was disclosed that Attorney John Clifton was leaving the area in March. A motion was also passed to write a letter to the Town Board calling for the replacement of Zoning Inspector Deyo.

January 29 — Church members prenanced and threatened by [redacted]

January 30 — Norman Sheer letter to Zoning Inspector Deyo demanding site plan permit be issued because of the 45-day requirement of the ordinance.

February 2 — Notice of February 23 ZBA hearings on appeals issued to interested parties.

February 3 — James Barry letter to HSA-UWC explaining applicability of Zoning Ordinances to applications and appeals when the Zoning Ordinance is under revision.

Feb. 2,4,6 — [redacted] increase trespassing and threatening activities against the Camp New Hope watchman until two very big and burley Church members happen to visit and break up the activity.

February 5 — Rochester Town Board Meeting where Jim Salfi is appointed for the rest of the year, Zoning Inspector Deyo for one more month and Legal Advisor Jim Barry for one month.

February 6 — Legal Advisor Jim Barry resigns in a letter to the Town Board. "Due to irreconcialable conflicts which upset my harmony".

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DETROIT	ALBANY	3/10/81	3/4/81

TITLE OF CASE

UNSUB(s);
FIRE AND VANDALISM AT
UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP
ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

REPORT MADE BY

SA [redacted]

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CHARACTER OF CASE

DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING -
INTERFERENCE CIVIL RIGHTS

REFERENCE: New York airtel to FBIHQ, dated 2/10/81.

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ENCLOSURES

TO ALBANY

The original and one copy of an FD-302 reflecting information furnished by [redacted] and a 1-A envelope containing Agent's notes taken during that interview.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Detroit, Michigan b6 b7C
Date: 3/10/81

Field Office File #: 177B-144 Bureau File #:

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
FIRE AND VANDALISM AT
UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP
ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

Character: DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING - INTERFERENCE CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: [redacted] stayed at Unification Church Camp, Accord, New York, from approximately mid-June through 10/3/80, and witnessed several incidents of vandalism. He heard [redacted] all threaten to burn the camp.

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DETAILS:

This report contains, in part, the results of a limited investigation.

On March 4, 1981, [redacted] was interviewed and furnished information as set forth in the following FD-302:

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[redacted] date of birth [redacted] voluntarily appeared at the Troy Office of the FBI, at which time he was advised that the FBI is investigating the fire and vandalism at the Unification Church camp, Ulster, New York, which occurred in December, 1980. He was further advised that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the United States Department of Justice. SA [redacted] advised [redacted] that information has been furnished to the FBI by officials of the Unification Church that he witnessed certain incidents that took place at the camp prior to the fire. [redacted] furnished the following information:

He currently resides at the Unification Church Center, 5925 Crooks Road, Clawson, Michigan. He is a member of the Unification Church and stayed at the Unification Church camp located in Accord, New York, from approximately mid June, 1980, to approximately October 3, 1980. His duties and responsibilities while at the camp were related to camp security and he also had miscellaneous duties such as "cutting wood." Beginning the latter part of June or early July, 1980, his responsibilities were primarily concerned with security and in that respect, he was assigned to patrol the campgrounds at night. He was not armed and the idea of the patrols was hopefully to scare people off.

SA [redacted] advised that officials of the Unification Church had furnished a summary of incidents which took place at the camp during July and August, 1980, and this summary reflects a specific date, summary of incident, the witnesses and suspects. [redacted] indicated that he did not remember the specific dates and requested that SA [redacted] furnish him the date and facts of each incident, after which he would furnish any additional information he could recall.

SA [redacted] advised him that his name was reflected as a witness regarding the incident on July 19, 1980, at 3:30 a.m. at which time [redacted] was seen with a shotgun in his hands. [redacted] advised that he vaguely recalled this incident. He said that [redacted] and his family resided on property

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by SA [redacted] / kac Date dictated 3/4/81

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located across the street from, as well as adjacent to, the Unification Church camp. He remarked when the camp opened, a lot of fear was generated as a result of news media coverage. Apparently, [redacted] got the idea "we" were brainwashing people and so on and he grossly overreacted out of these fears. Concerning this specific incident, he recalled hearing [redacted] screaming and shouting and he proceeded to the area at the entrance of the camp where he observed [redacted] lower a shotgun, which he had been pointing at the head of another church member, name unknown. [redacted] was also present and possibly [redacted] He does not recall any specific conversation which took place between [redacted] and church members and shortly after that [redacted] left.

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SA [redacted] advised he was reflected as a witness concerning a July 20, 1980, incident wherein an automobile made a number of passes by the camp and the occupants therein threw firecrackers and discharged a weapon at the direction of the camp. [redacted] recalled this incident took place at night. He was in one of the buildings when he heard firecrackers exploding. He proceeded in the direction of the main road where he observed the vehicle make a second pass wherein the occupants again threw firecrackers. He did not actually see the vehicle turn around, however, apparently it did because it came from the opposite direction and stopped on the road in front of the camp. He proceeded in the direction of the parked car and stopped approximately 10 feet from the car, at which time he observed a rifle pointed out the rear window in the direction of the camp kitchen area. He heard two clicks, which indicated to him the gun had malfunctioned. The vehicle began moving again and he immediately ran to the camp office to inform [redacted] that the occupants of the vehicle were armed. Shortly thereafter he heard shots and heard a noise like bullets whistling by. He assumed the shots were from the same vehicle however, he did not see it again. He said no one was injured. He described the vehicle as an older model Ford Falcon, possibly a 1964 model. He believed the car was either black or dark colored and thinks it was a two-door model. He did not obtain the license number nor did he observe the State of registry. It was occupied by three white males in their early 20s. There were two in the front and one in the back who was in possession of the rifle, caliber unknown.

SA [redacted] advised [redacted] that the next incident wherein he was reflected as a witness took place on July 23, 1980, involving a vehicle driving into an open field at the camp and making deep tire tracks on the camp lawn. [redacted] stated this took place around dusk and the vehicle was a green Chevrolet, which he thinks was a four-door model. He said the car came by a few days later and he thinks he obtained the license number at that time and furnished it to camp officials. Just prior to the incident taking place, he was standing in the vicinity of the front gate. He said the [redacted] were constantly walking in the vicinity of the front gate and many times they were armed. He observed this vehicle drive up and stop at which time the [redacted] and the occupants entered into conversation, which he did not overhear. He said he ran up and put his flashlight on the car in an attempt to obtain the license number; however, a flashlight was shined back in his direction and he was unable to get it. The car then proceeded down the road in the direction of the "barn." It made a right turn onto the camp property, accelerated and made one circle cutting grooves into the lawn, after which the vehicle left the area. The vehicle was occupied by an individual who he know as [redacted] (Last Name Unrecalled) who resided in the area. He described this individual as a white male, [redacted] weighing approximately 210 to 220 pounds.

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SA [redacted] advised an incident took place on July 31, 1980, wherein he was reflected as a witness concerning a vehicle driving into the rear of the camp. He said there is a road on one side of the camp which is primarily utilized for access to a fire department camp. This road continues around to the rear of the Unification Church camp. This vehicle, which he recalls as being an International Scout, obtained access to the camp by utilizing this road and entered the property in the rear of the camp between the sleeping cabin and the lecture hall. He said he was able to stop the vehicle by constructing a barricade of camp vehicles. The State Police and Sheriff arrived; however, no arrests were made. He said the vehicle was occupied by three white males and a white female, names unrecalled, who appeared to be intoxicated.

SA [redacted] advised that an incident allegedly took place on July 30, 1980, when a rock was thrown through the kitchen window. [redacted] advised the incident took place at night and he was sitting in the kitchen eating icecream. Apparently, someone from a passing car threw a rock through the kitchen window. He heard a vehicle pass, but did not see it.

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SA [redacted] advised [redacted] that his name was not specifically mentioned as a witness concerning any additional incidents; however, certain incidents reflect the witnesses as "security team." Since he was a member of camp security, these additional incidents were brought to his attention. Of these additional incidents mentioned to him, he furnished the following information concerning the ones he witnessed:

Regarding a July 20, 1980, incident involving a blue jeep, bearing Pennsylvania plates parked on the Ukrainian Church property, he recalled the occupants therein were creating a disturbance; people were congregating around the jeep throwing firecrackers and hollering such things as "hey Moonie."

Regarding a July 24, 1980, incident wherein [redacted] was observed on [redacted] porch in possession of a rifle, [redacted] said he saw [redacted] standing in front of [redacted] residence talking with members of the [redacted] family. [redacted] was holding a rifle.

[redacted] said he had heard [redacted] all threaten to burn the camp. He said [redacted] made the threat more than once. Also, he does not have any direct evidence, however, knows in his heart that [redacted] was responsible for a fire which destroyed a vacant home, located on church property adjacent to the camp. This house is referred to as the "white house" in an incident writeup on August 8, 1980. [redacted] went on to say that on that date, he was inside the "barn" and [redacted] came in and said he smelled smoke. He proceeded in the direction of the house and observed that it was burning, however, did not see anyone in the area. While the house was still burning, [redacted] drove up and offered to assist. Certain verbal altercations took place between some of the members and [redacted] after which [redacted] proceeded to [redacted] residence.

[redacted] advised he did not recall any additional incidents.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
WASHINGTON FIELD	ALBANY	3/20/81	2/26/81

TITLE OF CASE

UNSUBS;
FIRE AND VANDALISM AT UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP,
ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] TYPED BY: mgm

CHARACTER OF CASE

DIH-INTERFERENCE CIVIL RIGHTS

REFERENCE: ALairtel to Bureau, dated 1/23/81; NYairtel to Bureau, dated 2/10/81; ALreport, dated 2/23/81.

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ENCLOSURES: To Albany are original notes and FD-302 of Casino interview.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

All persons contacted were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the United States Department of Justice.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: WASHINGTON, D.C.
Date: 3/20/81

Field Office File #: 177-168 Bureau File #:

Title: UNSUBS; FIRE AND VANDALISM AT
UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP,
ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

Character: DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING-INTERFERENCE CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: [redacted] of Interfaith Affairs Department, Unification Church, was interviewed regarding incident which took place on 8/10/80, which involved the stoning of a van occupied by himself and two other ministers.

[redacted] provided a signed statement regarding events of 8/10/80 at Ulster County, New York and is incorporated herein. He acknowledged that a van, driven by him and containing several other people, was stoned and that he and his companions were further harassed due to their affiliation with the Unification Church.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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[redacted] Interfaith Affairs Department, Unification Church, Washington, D.C., was interviewed at Washington, D.C., by [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). SA [redacted] advised [redacted] the interview related to an incident which took place on August 10, 1980, which involved the stoning of a van which was occupied by himself and two ministers of the Unification Church as the van was leaving the Unification Church Camp in Ulster County, New York. [redacted] was further advised that the investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the United States Department of Justice.

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[redacted] furnished the following signed statement concerning the events of August 10, 1980, at the Unification Church Camp in Ulster County, New York:

"Washington, D.C.
February 26, 1981

"I [redacted] make the following free and voluntary statement to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). I realize this statement may be used in court of law.

On Sunday evening, August 10, 1980, I was in the process of leaving a weekend retreat at the Unification Church's Camp New Hope at Accord, New York in Ulster County, New York. At between approximately 7 p.m., and 9 p.m., we, myself along with the [redacted] and [redacted] and an hispanic man whose name is unknown to me, boarded a blue van, owned by the church, with the intention of driving from our cabin to the main entrance to the camp. To accomplish this we had to negotiate an access road which runs adjacent to the property of individuals known to me as being at odds with the Unification Church. As we turned a corner next to the property of the

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Investigation on 2/26/81 at Washington, D.C. File # 177-168

by SAs [redacted] JPK:mgm Date dictated 3/2/81

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afore-mentioned individuals, a number of people, five, six or seven, appeared out of the darkness and attacked our van. By this I mean that they repeatedly struck our van with their hands and fists while yelling obsenities and threats such as "we are going to kill you" and, "we hate moonies". One individual placed himself in front of the van, attempting to stop it. This individual was later identified to me as a man named [redacted] I continued to drive at a low rate of speed until I reached the main road at which time I picked up speed and left the attackers in my wake. At that point the men who had attacked us proceeded to throw rocks at the van. They then boarded two pick-up trucks and chased us down the road to the main entrance of the camp. I was driving the van from the point of our leaving the cabin.

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When we reached the camp entrance, the security person stationed at the entrance notified the State Police by telephone. The people driving after us in the truck, in the interim, had placed their trucks in front of the camp entrance, blocking our exit. The occupants of the two trucks then gathered outside their trucks and continued to shout threats and obsenities at us. They were joined in this action by a number of other people who had come from the property of the attackers. This action persisted until the State Police arrived a short time later and ordered the people to vacate the area. The whole experience was terribly frightening.

I have read the above statement consisting of this and one other and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge."

"/s/ [redacted]
Interfaith Affairs Department
Unification Church
Washington, D.C.
2/26/81

"Witnesses:
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, WFO, 2/26/81
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, WFO, 2/26/81"

[redacted] provided the following personal information:

Name: [redacted]
Sex: Male
Race: White

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Date of Birth: [redacted]
Place of Birth:
Current Residence: [redacted]
Washington, D.C.
Residence Telephone: [redacted]
SSAN:
Occupation: [redacted] Interfaith Affairs Department Unification Church
Marital Status: Married

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW YORK	ALBANY	5/7/81	4/16/81

TITLE OF CASE

UNSUBS;
Fire And Vandalism At
Unification Church Camp,
Ulster County, New York

REPORT MADE BY

SA [redacted]

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CHARACTER OF CASE

DIH-Interference
Civil Rights

REFERENCE

ReALrep of SA [redacted] dated 2/23/81.

ENCLOSURES

Enclosed for Albany is the original FD-302 of interview with [redacted]

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE						ACQUITTALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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Title:
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Fire And Vandalism At
Unification Church Camp,
Ulster County, New York

Character:
DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING-
INTERFERENCE CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:
Interview of [redacted] set forth. (RUC)

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New York, telephone number [redacted] was contacted by SA [redacted] advised as follows:

[redacted] resided in Ulster Heights, New York, from January, 1980, to January, 1981. At this time, he would periodically travel on Route 209 through Accord, New York, for business reasons. [redacted] believes that his plate number was recorded by members of the Unification Church while he was attending a meeting at the Rosendale Town Hall one evening during the summer of 1980. The topic of the meeting dealt with the presence of the Unification Church in Accord. During the course of the meeting, he and others in attendance observed people, later described as members of the Unification Church, who were recording plate numbers of vehicles which were parked in the parking lot of the town hall. He thought nothing of the incident at the time.

[redacted] explained his presence at this meeting as one of curiosity. He stated that there had been numerous articles in the local newspapers concerning the Unification Church, and he wished to get informed as to what was the main issues of the controversy.

[redacted] was unable to supply any information concerning acts of vandalism at the Unification Church.

Investigation on 4/16/81 at Poughkeepsie, New York File # NR 177B-389

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TITLE OF CASE

UNSUBS; FIRE AND VANDALISM AT UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

REPORT MADE BY

SA [redacted]

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CHARACTER OF CASE

DIH - INTERFERENCE, CIVIL RIGHTS

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REFERENCE:

Albany report of SA [redacted], 2/23/81;
New York report of SA [redacted] 2/26/81;
Detroit report of SA [redacted] 3/10/81;
WFO report of SA [redacted], 3/20/81;
New York report of SA [redacted], 5/7/81.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

The lengthy investigative period of this report is due to the difficulty in [redacted] b3

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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APPROVED [redacted] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Will maintain contact with AUSA [redacted] Syracuse, New York, for AUSA's opinion in this matter.

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Copy to: 1 - USA, NDNY (ATTN: AUSA [redacted]

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: ALBANY
Date: 7/17/81

Field Office File #: 177B-32 Bureau File #:

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
FIRE AND VANDALISM AT
UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP,
ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

Character: DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING - INTERFERENCE
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Synopsis: [redacted]

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DETAILS:

This report contains the results of a limited investigation.

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Director, FBI

SAC, Albany (177B-32)

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UNSUBS; FIRE AND VANDALISM
AT UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP,
ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK
DIH- INTERFERENCE
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: ALBANY

RE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 7/20/81.

Surep or advise delay.

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Director, FBI

SAC, Albany (177B-32)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, FIRE AND VANDALISM
AT UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP,
ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK;
DIH - INTERFERENCE
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OO: ALBANY

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Re: Bureau airtel, 9/28/81.

Albany will note 85 days have elapsed since date of last report. You are reminded that all investigation in civil rights matters is to be completed and reported within 21 workdays of receipt of complaint.

Your attention is also called to Bureau airtel to Albany dated 4/6/78, entitled, "FBI Resource Management and Allocation - Civil Rights Program," wherein the Director notes that a 21 workday deadline is logical and reasonable. It is, therefore, incumbent upon your office to assign sufficient personnel to meet civil rights deadlines and it is expected they will be met unless some sound reason exists to the contrary; such as unavailability of witnesses, etc. You should advise FBIHQ of all delays and reason for same or submit pending report and set forth outstanding leads.

Immediately surep/LHM or advise reason for delay.

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TITLE OF CASE

UNSUBS; FIRE AND VANDALISM AT UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] TYPED BY: dml

CHARACTER OF CASE

DIH - INTERFERENCE, CIVIL RIGHTS

REFERENCE:

Albany report of SA [redacted] 2/23/81;
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Detroit report of SA [redacted] 3/10/81;
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New York report of SA [redacted] 5/7/81;
Albany report of SA [redacted] 7/20/81.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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APPROVED [redacted] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Copy to: 1-USA, NDNY (Attention: AUSA [redacted]

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: ALBANY
Date: October 15, 1981

Field Office File #: 177B-32 Bureau File #:

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
FIRE AND VANDALISM AT
UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP,
ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

Character: DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING - INTERFERENCE
CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

AUSA [redacted] has requested no further investigation.

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DETAILS:

This report contains the results of a limited investigation.

On October 15, 1981, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Syracuse, New York, advised that the United States Attorney's Office would not request any additional investigation.

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Date 10/15/81

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (177B-32) (P)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; FIRE AND VANDALISM AT UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK;
DIH - INTERFERENCE
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: ALBANY)

Re Bureau airtels dated 10/13/81 and 9/28/81 and Albany report of SA [redacted] dated 7/20/81.

As noted in referenced report of SA [redacted] the only lead that Albany set for itself was to maintain contact with AUSA [redacted] Syracuse, New York, for her determination whether or not any further investigation would be requested from the USA's office. Delay was occasioned by the fact that AUSA [redacted] did not render an opinion on the matter until instant date.

Albany believes that all necessary investigation has been completed inasmuch as no request for additional investigation has been received from FBIHQ, the USA or the Department of Justice, and no further investigation will be conducted.

Report to follow setting forth contact with AUSA [redacted]

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Date 3/22/82

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (177-5683)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (177B-32) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; FIRE AND VANDALISM
AT UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP,
ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK;
DIH - INTERFERENCE
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: ALBANY)

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Re Bureau airtel to Albany 3/19/82 and telcall from Bureau Supervisor [redacted] to Supervisor [redacted] Albany Office, on 3/19/82.

Enclosed for New York is one copy of referenced Bureau airtel and attachment dated 3/19/82.

On 3/19/82, Supervisor [redacted] FBIHQ, telephoned the Albany Division and advised that requests in referenced airtel to interview Unification members to determine whether there had been any additional acts of harassment and/or vandalism at the camp since date of last report should not be conducted. [redacted] stated that since the submission of this airtel Headquarters in consultation with the Department of Justice were of the opinion that rather than have this lead covered it would be more appropriate for the New York Office to interview [redacted] (Phonetic), [redacted] N.Y., telephone [redacted] who is the [redacted] person for the Unification Church.

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Will contact [redacted] at the above address to determine if there have been any additional acts of harassment and/or vandalism at the Unification Church Camp, Ulster County, New York, since date of last report of SA [redacted] on 3/5/81.

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Memorandum

DJ 175-53-40 WBR:LKD:RLC:kif

Subject UNSUBS, Fire and Vandalism at Unification Church Camp, Ulster County, New York Interference with Exercise of Housing Rights CIVIL RIGHTS

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Date 16 MAR 1982

To Director Federal Bureau of Investigation

From [redacted] Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated October 21, 1981 which enclosed a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 15, 1981 at Albany. The incidents of violence, harassment and threats against Unification Church members could constitute violations of 18 U.S.C. § 371 (conspiracy to commit offense against the United States) and 42 U.S.C. § 3631 (Interference or threats to interfere with housing rights). Accordingly, please conduct the following additional investigation:

1. In your report of March 5, 1981, which enclosed a copy of the report of S.A. [redacted] the following statement is made: "Investigation to date by New York State Police at Ellenville, New York, reveals several local individuals have engaged in harassment and vandalism at the Unification Church Camp, and upon investigation, the New York State Police arrested the individuals responsible for the harassment and vandalism." Please determine what individuals have been arrested, the exact charges brought against these individuals and the disposition of those charges.

2. Determine whether any arrests have been made in regard to the fires at the camp. If so, determine what individuals were arrested and the disposition of those charges.

3. Contact Unification Church members and determine whether there have been additional acts of harassment and/or vandalism at the camp since the date of the last report. If so, obtain the details of those incidents.

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CLASSIFICATION: _____ DATE: 3/19/82

FROM: Director, FBI (177-5683)

TO: SAC, Albany (177B-32) 1 - [redacted] b6 b7C

UNSUBS; FIRE AND VANDALISM
AT UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP,
ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK;
DIH - INTERFERENCE
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: ALBANY

RE: Albany report of Supervisor [redacted] dated 10/15/81.

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 3/16/82.

Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of Section 177, Manual of Investigative Operations and Guidelines, and surep within 21 workdays of the receipt of this communication.

State in the first paragraph of the details of your report that it contains the results of a
☐ limited investigation and underscore the word ☒ limited
☐ preliminary ☐ preliminary

Advise ☒ all persons interviewed
☒ appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the U.S. Department of Justice.

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Date 5/28/82

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (177-5683)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (177B-32) (C)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
FIRE AND VANDALISM AT
UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP
ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK;
DIH - INTERFERENCE
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: ALBANY)

Re Albany airtel to Bureau, 3/22/82, and New York report, 5/13/82.

Since submission of re report, there have been no outstanding leads in this matter for the Albany Division, and Albany considers this matter closed.

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NEW YORK	ALBANY	MAY 13 1982	3/31/82 ~ 5/10/82

TITLE OF CASE	Report Made By	Typed By
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REFERENCE

ALairtel to New York, dated 3/22/82 and Buairtel to Albany, dated 3/19/82.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED [] NONE						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	PRETRIAL DIVERSION	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		Pending over 1 year [] yes [] no
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy To:

Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York
Date:

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Field Office File #: 177B-389 Bureau File #: 177-5683

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; FIRE AND VANDALISM AT UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK;

Character: DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING-INTERFERENCE
CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: [redacted] Unification Church, advised that on 4/28/82, [redacted] and three other men threatened to kill [redacted] for the Unification Church during a meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board.

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DETAILS:

This is a limited investigation.

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On April 22, 1982 [redacted] Person, for Unification Church, advised that [redacted] (phonetic) is no longer employed by the Unification Church. She further advised that she would check with the Unification Church Legal Department and the maintenance supervisor at the Unification Church Camp in Ulster County, New York to determine whether there had been any additional acts of harrassment and/or vandalism at the camp in the last two months.

On May 10, 1982 [redacted] Unification Church, advised that on [redacted], Unification Church, were all at a Zoning Board hearing in Rochester, New York when [redacted] (phonetic) and three of his associates pushed their way into the hearing room and threatened to kill [redacted] then acted out the threat, but [redacted] advised that he [redacted] did not have a weapon in his possession.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] is the same individual that shot at several members of the Unification Church at the Unification Church Camp, Ulster County, New York several months ago.

Memorandum

DJ 175-53-40 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WBRPLKD:RLC:kif

Subject: UNSUBS, Fire and Vandalism at Unification Church Camp, Ulster County, New York Interference With Exercise of Housing Rights CIVIL RIGHTS

Date: 30 NOV 1982

To: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

From: [redacted]
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated July 28, 1982, reflecting that this case was considered closed by the FBI.

On March 16, 1982, this office requested a further investigation into the fire and vandalism at the Unification Church Camp in Ulster County, New York (see attachment). While item number (3) was completed, we have received none of the information requested in paragraphs (1) and (2). Accordingly, please provide that information.

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TRANSMIT VIA: Airtel

CLASSIFICATION: _____ DATE: 12/20/82

FROM: Director, FBI (177-5683)

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TO: SAC, Albany (177B-32)

UNSUBS; FIRE AND VANDALISM
AT UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP,
ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK;
DIH - INTERFERENCE
OO: ALBANY

Re Buairtel to Albany dated 3/19/82.

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 11/30/82.

Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of Section 177, Manual of Investigative Operations and Guidelines, and surep within 21 workdays of the receipt of this communication.

State in the first paragraph of the details of your report that it contains the results of a
☐ limited investigation and underscore the word ☐ limited
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Advise ☒ all persons interviewed
☒ appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Remarks: On 12/15/82, [redacted] DOJ attorney, advised he has not received all the results from Department request in reBuairtel. [redacted] stated he needs the names, dates, and charges of anyone arrested for vandalism or the fire at the Unification Church or property. If arrest were made, please obtain the results of local charges.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (177-5683) (ROUTINE)

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UNSUBS; FIRE AND VANDALISM AT UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK; DIH - INTERFERENCE, OO: ALBANY.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO ALBANY DATED DECEMBER 20, 1982.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, [redacted] ALBANY, NEW YORK ADVISED ON JANUARY 27, 1983 THAT THEIR AGENCY HAD ALREADY COMPLIED WITH A REQUEST BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR [redacted] 177-5683-24 LIEUTENANT [redacted] PURSUANT TO A SUBPOENA TO ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY (AUSA) [redacted] SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

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25 [redacted] to 2/15 will contact NR, to contact DUSA will records.

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REFERENCED BUREAU AIRTEL INDICATES THAT [redacted] b6 b7C
A DOJ ATTORNEY ADVISED ON DECEMBER 15, 1982 THAT HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ALL THE RESULTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU: ALBANY IS DESIROUS OF KNOWING WHETHER OR NOT THE MATERIAL FURNISHED AUSA [redacted] SATISFIES THE REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY AS THE [redacted] b3
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AT UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP,
ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK;
DIH - INTERFERENCE
OO: ALBANY

ReBuairtel to AL dated 12/20/82, and ALtel to Director dated 2/11/83.

On 2/17/83, [redacted] Attorney, Civil Rights Division, Criminal Section, was advised that AUSA [redacted] SDNY, had subpoenaed [redacted] concerning the captioned matter. [redacted] stated that he would personally contact AUSA [redacted] but requested FBI Albany to cover the remainder of the DOJ request ASAP.

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Submit your results by a communication suitable for dissemination.

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UNSUBS; FIRE AND VANDALISM AT UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK; DIH - INTERFERENCE; OO: ALBANY

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALBANY, FEBRUARY 18, 1983.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, CAPTAIN STANLEY VAN AUSKAS AND LIEUTENANT [redacted], NEW YORK STATE POLICE HEADQUARTERS, ALBANY, NEW YORK HAVE ADVISED THAT THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE RECORDS PERTAINING TO THE POSSIBLE ARRESTS AND DISPOSITIONS OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR HARASSMENT AND VANDALISM.

UPON RECEIPT OF SUCH INFORMATION, ALBANY WILL IMMEDIATELY FORWARD TO THE BUREAU IN COMMUNICATION SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

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UNSUBS; FIRE AND VANDALISM
AT UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP,
ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK;
DIH - INTERFERENCE
CO: ALBANY

Re Albany teletype to Director dated 3/17/83.

This matter pending since 12/20/82. SUREP.

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UNSUBS; FIRE AND VANDALISM AT UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, DIH - INTERFERENCE, OO: ALBANY.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, LT. [redacted] BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (BCI), DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK STATE POLICE, ALBANY, NEW YORK WAS ADVISED OF THE NATURE OF THE DEPARTMENTAL REQUEST CONCERNING THE NAMES, DATES AND CHARGES OF ANYONE ARRESTED FOR VANDALISM OR THE FIRE AT THE UNIFICATION CHURCH, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK. HE ADVISED THAT SR. INVESTIGATOR [redacted] [redacted] ELLENVILLE, NEW YORK WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO FURNISH THE REQUESTED INFORMATION BUT IF COPIES OF REPORTS WERE DESIRED A SUBPOENA WOULD BE NECESSARY. CONTACT WAS MADE WITH SENIOR

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INVESTIGATOR [redacted] WHO ADVISED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO LOCATE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION SINCE AFTER A TWO YEAR PERIOD OF TIME THEIR "ARREST BLOTTERS" ARE FORWARDED TO MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK FOR STORAGE AND IT WOULD REQUIRE A TEDIOUS, HAND SEARCH TO LOCATE SAME. FURTHERMORE, HE ADVISED THAT HE CAN STATE WITHOUT EQUIVOCATION THAT NO ARRESTS HAVE EVER BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE FIRE AT THE UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP.

HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD BE HOSPITALIZED FOR AT LEAST A WEEK AND THAT INVESTIGATOR [redacted] NYSP, ELLENVILLE, NEW YORK WOULD BE PLACED IN CHARGE OF SECURING THE REMAINING INFORMATION. ON APRIL 20, 1983, INVESTIGATOR [redacted] WAS CONTACTED AND HE ADVISED HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY REQUESTED INFORMATION THAT HE WAS TO PROVIDE TO THE FBI AND ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION. SAID EXPLANATION WAS PROVIDED AND HE THEREUPON STATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO GO TO MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK AND LOOK THROUGH BOXES OF FILES OR "BLOTTERS" IN ORDER TO LOCATE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION, WHICH HE INDICATED WOULD NOT BE UNTIL AT LEAST APRIL 22, 1983. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT THE ONLY INFORMATION AVAILABLE WOULD BE NAMES OF THOSE PERSONS ARRESTED BUT THAT DISPOSITIONS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. HE STATED THAT IT IS NORMAL PROCEDURE FOR THE NYSP TO FURNISH DISPOSITIONS TO

NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, ALBANY, NEW YORK WHICH CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED THROUGH NEW YORK STATE POLICE IDENTIFICATION NETWORK (NYSPIN), COMPUTERIZED CRIMINAL CASE HISTORY (CCH).

ALBANY WILL IMMEDIATELY FORWARD TO THE BUREAU THE REQUESTED INFORMATION IN A FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION WHEN RECEIVED FROM THE NYSP.

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Date 6/1/83

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (177-5683)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (177B-32)(P)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
FIRE AND VANDALISM AT
UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP;
ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK;
DIH - INTERFERENCE
(OO: ALBANY)

Re Albany teletypes to the Bureau dated 4/21/83 and 5/13/83.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and five copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above, which is suitable for dissemination.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Albany, New York

June 1, 1983

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
FIRE AND VANDALISM AT
UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP,
ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

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On May 13, 1983, Lieutenant [redacted] Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Division Headquarters, New York State Police, Albany, New York, advised that [redacted] was arrested on [redacted] by the New York State Police for [redacted] in the Town of Rochester at the Camp New Hope, Unification Church, Accord, New York. The complainant in this matter was [redacted] a security officer for the Unification Camp. [redacted] was subsequently convicted on [redacted] a misdemeanor, and was sentenced to probation for a period of three years. Lieutenant [redacted] also advised that there were the following four other charges that were all dismissed:

1. Criminal Possession of a Weapon, Fourth Degree, a misdemeanor;

2. Two Counts of Menacing, Fourth Degree;

3. One Count of Criminal Mischief, Fourth Degree, a misdemeanor; and

4. Trespass.

Furthermore, according to Lieutenant [redacted] apparently fired a "round" from a gun at the complainant and also fired in the general direction of two other Unification Church members who were part of a security force at the camp.

On April 20, 1983, Senior Investigator [redacted] New York State Police, Ellenville, New York, advised that no arrests have ever been made with regard to the fire at the Unification Church Camp.

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
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UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP;
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In December, 1982, Detective [redacted] Ulster County New York Sheriff's Department advised that while his department did conduct several investigations at the Unification Church Camp, no arrests were ever made.

Investigator [redacted], New York State Police, Ellenville, New York, advised that his department had conducted several investigations at the Unification Church Camp but that results of those investigations were confidential. He advised that if the results were desired a subpoena would be required.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (177-5683) (ROUTINE)

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UNSUBS; FIRE AND VANDALISM AT UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK; DIH - INTERFERENCE; OO: ALBANY.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, LIEUTENANT [redacted] BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (BCI), DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK STATE POLICE (NYSP), ALBANY, NEW YORK, FURNISHED ON MAY 13, 1983, THE NAME AND CHARGES OF AN INDIVIDUAL ARRESTED AT THE UNIFICATION CHURCH CAMP BY THE NAME OF [redacted] DATE OF BIRTH [redacted]

ALBANY WILL FURNISH THE RESULTS OF THIS INFORMATION IN A FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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Memorandum

Subject: Notice of File Closing
CIVIL RIGHTS MATTER
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Date: 1 MAY 1984

To
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated 6-10-83 forwarding a memorandum from your Albany field office captioned as on the attached closing form. This matter has been closed as of the date on the attached form.

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2-ENCLOSURE

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Notice to Close File

1 MAY 1984

File No. 175-53-40 Date 4/13/84

To: Chief, Criminal Section

Re:
Unknown Subjects;
Fire and Vandalism at Unification
Church Camp; Ulster County, New York;
Discrimination In Housing
CIVIL RIGHTS

It is recommended that the above case be closed for the following reasons:

I. INTRODUCTION

On December 28, 1980, a fire destroyed the main building at the Unification Church in Ulster County, New York. This fire was the culmination of a series of incidents which began in July 1980 and included acts of vandalism, beatings and gunshots fired onto church property. On December 30, 1980, Unification Church officials met with Departmental attorneys regarding these events. As a result of that meeting, the FBI was requested to investigate the fires and incidents of harassment. That investigation revealed the following:

A. The Ulster County Camp - Located on a 60 acre tract, the "Camp New Hope" opened on June 13, 1980. Designed to serve as a religious retreat, the Camp consisted of a main structure which included a dining area, a kitchen, a storage and office area, two old frame houses and a number of bungalos. At the time of the opening of the Camp, it was expected that approximately 375 people would be in residence at one time. However, because of zoning problems, no new buildings which would have housed the

[redacted] Attorney

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To: Records Section
Office of Legal Administration

The above numbered file has been closed as of this date.

Date

Chief, Section

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participants were constructed. At the time of the fire, a caretaker by the name of [redacted] was the sole resident at the Camp. b6 b7C

B. Fires and Vandalism - After the opening of Camp New Hope, the following incidents occurred at the Camp:

1. July 1980 - Tires slashed on church vans.

2. July 9, 1980 - Burnt cross tossed onto property.

3. July 28, 1980 - Gunshots fired into buildings.

4. July 30, 1980 - Rock thrown through kitchen window.

5. August 4, 1980 - Fence vandalized.

6. August 7, 1980 - Fire destroys two-story frame house located on periphery area of the camp - arson suspected by State police.

7. August 10, 1980 - Van with 6-8 people driving away from Camp is stoned by 5-6 white males.

8. September 10, 1980 - Fence vandalized.

9. September 29, 1980 - KKK banner found on property.

10. December 28, 1980 - Fire destroys main structure - arson suspected by State Police.

II. THE STATE INVESTIGATION

A New York State Police investigation failed to result in any indictments in regard to the fires. Two possible subjects - [redacted] (both of whom were suspected of other acts of harassment) - refused to submit to a polygraph. Of particular note, caretaker [redacted] did submit to a polygraph and was found to be deceptive. [redacted] also stated to the polygraph examiner that he had thought about burning down one of the buildings. In addition, the State Police reported that there had been several fires of suspicious origin at the Unification Church Seminary in Harrytown, New York during a time when [redacted] however, continued to deny any responsibility for the New Hope Camp fires.

In regard to other incidents of harassment, the State was able to obtain only one conviction. On June 13, 1983, [redacted] as a result of his firing a weapon in the general direction of Unification Church members. [redacted] received a sentence of three years probation. b6 b7C

III. FEDERAL JURISDICTION

Despite the troubling questions surrounding the fires and [redacted] possible involvement in those fires, there is considerable evidence of harassment and interference with Unification Church members by outsiders. However, these incidents of harassment do not indicate a violation of federal criminal civil rights statutes. At the time of these incidents (including the fires) the only person who actually resided at the Camp was [redacted] Unification Church members who were present during the harassment were either at the Camp for only one or two days. It does not appear that the Camp or any of its buildings satisfies the definition of "dwelling" under 42 U.S.C. §3631 or preceding statutes under the Fair Housing Act. In United States v. Hughes, 396 F. Supp. 544, 548-549 (W.D. Va. 1975), the Court defined a "dwelling" under the Fair Housing Act as a "temporary or permanent dwelling place to which one intends to return as distinguished from a place of temporary sojourn or transient visit." Under that definition, the Camp New Hope, which was designed for "transient visitors," would not constitute a "dwelling." See also, Patel v. Holley House Motels, 483 F. Supp. 374 (S.D. Ala. 1979), where the district court held that a motel did not constitute a "dwelling."

V. RECOMMENDATION

Because of jurisdictional problems, the possible involvement [redacted] in the fires and the age of this matter, I recommend that it be closed.